

Multnomah County Elections

Who can sign up to vote in Oregon?

You can sign up to vote if you live in (resident of) Oregon, you are a citizen of the United States, and you are at least 16 years old. You will get your first ballot in the mail when you are at least 18 years old.

How do I sign up to vote?

- **Sign up to vote online** at the Oregon Secretary of State Website oregonvotes.gov/myvote. You must have an Oregon driver's license or identification card to sign up online.
- **Sign up to vote by filling out a paper *Oregon Voter Registration Card***. You can get a paper card at the Multnomah County Elections office, your public library, Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles ([DMV](#)) office, or post office.
- If you visit the Oregon [DMV](#) and get a new or replacement driver's license, driving permit, or identification card you can be signed up to vote without doing anything more (Oregon Motor Voter Automatic Registration method). You could be signed up to vote automatically but it will not happen right away.

Call Multnomah County Elections for questions or help to sign up to vote.

How does vote by mail work?

All elections in Oregon are done by the county elections office. The county elections office mails ballots directly to voters. Voters complete their ballots, and then return them to the county elections office in the mail or in an official drop box. You can vote by mail in Oregon in six simple steps:

1. Sign up to vote online, on paper, or through an automatic registration method. You will get a Voter Notification Card in the mail. The card confirms you are signed up to vote. You can also call or visit Multnomah County Elections to find out.
2. Four weeks before an election, you will get a Voters' Pamphlet in the mail. The Voters' Pamphlet is a small book made by the Oregon Secretary of State and Multnomah County Elections. The Voters' Pamphlet has information about candidates and proposed changes to laws. These can be candidates or laws locally (city, county, and district), at the state level or the national level (country). The Voters' Pamphlet is available online at oregonvotes.gov.

3. Two weeks before the election you will get your ballot in the mail. If you do not get your ballot call the elections office to get a new ballot.
4. Vote by filling out your ballot. You can request help with marking your ballot or understanding how voting works. Once you have decided how to vote, use a blue or black pen to mark your choices. You can also leave something blank. You can write in a candidate for any race. If you make a mistake or lose your ballot call Multnomah County Elections for a new ballot.
5. Put your ballot in the return envelope. Check that your name and address is correct. You must **sign the return envelope** for your vote to count. If you are not able to sign your return envelope because of a disability, call Multnomah County Elections for help.
6. Return your ballot. You can mail your ballot with a first-class stamp or you can drop off your ballot at an official drop box site. There are eight 24-hour drop box sites and official ballot drop boxes inside of each Multnomah County Library location when the library is open. Ballots must arrive at the Elections Office or be put inside an official drop box by 8:00 PM on Election Day. If you mail your ballot, make sure to do so at least one week before Election Day to make sure that it will arrive on time.

Who do I ask when I have more questions?

Contact Multnomah County Elections:

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Call about extra open hours near an election.

Address: 1040 SE Morrison Street, Portland, OR 97214

Phone: 503-988-3720 | Fax: 503-988-3719 | TTY Relay: 711

Email: elections@multco.us

Contact the Oregon Secretary of State, Elections Division:

Phone: 1-866-673-8683 | Fax: 503-373-7414 | TTY Relay: 711

Email: elections.sos@state.or.us

Can I get voting help in my native language?

Yes. Multnomah County Elections provides an interpreter, free of charge, to anyone who needs help for any step in voting, including:

- Signing up to vote



- Marking or reading the ballot
- Updating your address, name, political party, or other voter information
- Understanding elections rules and steps in voting
- Any other elections related help

This help is always free. For help call, email, or visit the elections office. Telephone interpretation is available in any language and there are bilingual (Spanish) elections workers. You can also call the Oregon Secretary of State, Elections Division to request an interpreter.

Can I get voting help if I have a disability?

Yes. Multnomah County Elections provides voting and elections related help for voters with disabilities. Multnomah County Elections can help you in your home or at the elections office. **This help is always free.** Call, email, or visit Multnomah County Elections for help in any step in voting including:

- Signing up to vote
- Marking or reading the ballot
- Updating your address, name, political party, or other voter information
- Understanding elections rules and steps in voting
- Any other elections related help

Multnomah County Elections wants you to be able to vote easily, privately and independently, understand the steps in voting, understand elections rules, and know who to ask for help. Each voter's situation is different. Please contact Multnomah County Elections for help.

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Phone: 503-988-3720 | Email: elections@multco.us

Website: www.mcelections.org

Multnomah County Duniway-Lovejoy Elections Building

Address: 1040 SE Morrison Street, Portland OR 97214

Additional service location will be open the 15 days before each election:

Voting Center Express at the Multnomah County East Building

Address: 600 NE 8th Street, Gresham OR 97030

