

MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE



When more Americans participate in elections, our communities are stronger, healthier, and more resilient. Voting is a form of personal empowerment that gives you the opportunity to express opinions on issues that matter to you and your community.

1 ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

The deadline to pre-register is October 19, 2026. Register on the Iowa DOT website. To register the day of, bring ID and proof of residence:

Proof of ID

1. Iowa non-operator ID
2. Drivers license
3. U.S. Passport
4. U.S. military or veteran ID
5. ID card issued by employer
6. Student ID issued by Iowa high school or college (must have an expiration date)
7. Tribal ID card/document

Proof of Residence

1. Residential Lease
2. Utility Bill (including cell phone bill)
3. Bank Statement
4. Paycheck
5. Government check or other government document
6. Property tax statement
7. Driver's license with your current address

2 DO YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR INFO?

Any of these can invalidate your registration: you moved, you changed your name, or, for a primary or caucus, you switched political parties. You can update at your polling place (bring ID or proof of residence showing the correct address or name), or online at the Iowa DOT website.

3 HOW ARE YOU VOTING?

Decide which method works best for you:

- **In person on Election Day** – Nov 3, 2026, polls open 7:00 AM- 8:00 PM.
- **In person early** at your county auditor's office – Oct 14- Nov 2, 2026
- **By mail** – Requests open Aug 25, 2026. Request forms are due by Oct 19, 2026 at 5 PM. Completed ballots must be received by your county auditor by Nov 3, 2026 at 8 PM.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

☐ Yes ☐ No

What I am bringing:

Proof of ID

- ☐ Iowa non-operator ID
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NEED TO UPDATE YOUR INFO?

☐ Yes ☐ No

What changed:

- ☐ I moved
- ☐ I changed my name
- ☐ I switched party (primary/caucus)

HOW ARE YOU VOTING?

- ☐ 1. In person, Election Day (Nov 3)
- ☐ 2. In person, early (by Nov 2)
- ☐ 3. By mail (absentee)

If voting in person:

Date I'll go: _____

Time I'll go: _____

If voting by mail:

Request sent: _____

Ballot received: _____

Ballot mailed/
dropped off: _____

4 WHERE IS YOUR POLLING PLACE?

Confirm your location at
<https://sos.iowa.gov/voters/election-day>
Showing up at the wrong polling place means
you can't cast a ballot there- double check first.

5 WHEN DO THE POLLS OPEN/CLOSE?

Hours are listed on the same site:
<https://sos.iowa.gov/voters/election-day>
If you're already in line when polls close, you're
still guaranteed the right to vote.

6 WHAT IS YOUR TRANSPORT METHOD?

Map your route and check bus times at
www.google.com/maps
Many nonprofits and companies offer free or
discounted rides on Election Day. Contact
United Way 211 at **866-469-2211** for more
information.

7 DO YOU NEED TIME OFF WORK?

Many employers offer PTO for voting. Check
your company's policy. Can't get time off? An
absentee ballot by mail or in-person may work
better.

8 DO YOU NEED CHILDCARE?

Children are allowed to accompany you to vote
and can enter the booth with you. Check with
your child's school resource office about after-
school drop-in programs or ask friends or family
to watch them. You can also use curbside voting
while your children are in the vehicle with you.

9 IS VOTING ACCESSIBLE TO YOU?

Curbside voting is available if you have mobility
issues or can't leave your vehicle. Ballot marking
machines can assist voters with visual or
dexterity needs. All materials are in English, but
you may bring a translator of any age or relation
into the booth.

10 MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A PLAN "B".

Things don't always go as expected on Election
Day. Think through your backup transportation,
childcare, and translator options ahead of time.

POLLING PLACE ADDRESS:

POLLING PLACE HOURS:

TRANSPORTATION METHOD:

DO YOU NEED TIME OFF WORK?

☐ Yes ☐ No

DO YOU NEED CHILDCARE?

☐ Yes ☐ No

My childcare plan:

IS VOTING ACCESSIBLE TO YOU?

☐ Yes ☐ No

My plan:

YOUR PLAN "B".
