



## SUMMARY: STATE ABSENTEE BALLOT DEADLINES & COUNTING INFORMATION FOR THE 2012 ELECTION

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The information in this chart is based on state election websites and calendars, the Federal Voting Assistance Program *Voting Assistance Guide*, and state laws/regulations. **No state releases absentee voting results until after the polls close on Election Day, November 6th, regardless of when counting begins.**

**Also note: the deadlines in this chart may change based on lawsuits or other events. Contact your local election office and/or the Federal Voting Assistance Program for the latest information.**

State	Deadline to Return Regular Absentee Ballots (mail)	Deadline to Return Military and Overseas Ballots (mail)	When Absentee Ballot Counting May Begin
Alabama	- Postmark by Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> - Received by Noon on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	7:00 PM on Election Day
Alaska	- Postmark by Election Day - Received by Nov 16th	- Postmark by Election Day - Received by Nov 21st (from outside US)	8:00 PM on Election Day
Arizona	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Oct 30 <sup>th</sup>
Arkansas	7:30 PM on Election Day	- Postmark by Election Day - Received by Nov 16th	Prior to the close of polls on Election Day
California	8:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>
Colorado	7:00 PM on Election Day	Received by Nov 14th	Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Connecticut	8:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	10:00 AM on Election Day
Delaware	8:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Upon opening of polls on Election Day
District of Columbia	- Postmark by Election Day - Received by Nov 16th	Same as regular ballot	8:00 PM on Election Day
Florida	7:00 PM on Election Day	- Postmark by Election Day - Received by Nov 16th	Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Georgia	7:00 PM on Election Day	- Postmark by Election Day - Received by Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 AM on Election Day

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Hawaii	6:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day
Idaho	8:00 PM Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day
Illinois	- Postmark by Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> - Received by Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM on Election Day
Indiana	6:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Upon opening of polls on Election Day
Iowa	- Postmark by Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> - Received by Noon on Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>	- Postmark by Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> - Received by Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	November 5 <sup>th</sup>
Kansas	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day
Kentucky	6:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	10:00 AM on Election Day
Louisiana	4:30 PM on November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Same as regular ballot	1:00 PM on Election Day
Maine	8:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Upon closing of polls on Election Day
Maryland	- Postmark by Election Day - Received by 10:00am on Nov 16th	Same as regular ballot	10:00 AM Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>
Massachusetts	8:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	After the polls close on Election Day
Michigan	8:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day
Minnesota	3:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Upon closing of polls on Election Day
Mississippi	5:00 PM on Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM on Election Day	Upon closing of polls on Election Day
Missouri	7:00 PM Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Upon opening of polls on Election Day
Montana	8:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day
Nebraska	8:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>
Nevada	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day
New Hampshire	5:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Upon closing of polls on Election Day

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New Jersey	8:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day
New Mexico	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Upon closing of polls on Election Day
New York	- Postmark by Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> - Received by Nov 13th	- Postmark by Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> - Received by Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	Election Day
North Carolina	- Postmark by Election Day - Received by 5:00 PM on Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	Election Day	5:00 PM on Election Day
North Dakota	- Postmark by Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> - Received by county canvassing meeting	- Postmark by Election Day - Received by Nov 9 <sup>th</sup> or 12 <sup>th</sup> (depending on county)	Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>
Ohio	- Postmark by Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> - Received by Nov 16th	- Postmark by Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> (from within US) - Postmark by Election Day (from outside US) - Received by Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	Election Day
Oklahoma	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day
Oregon	8:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Begins scanning ballots on October 30 <sup>th</sup>
Pennsylvania	Received by November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	- Postmark by Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> - Received by Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>	Upon closing of polls on Election Day
Rhode Island	9:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day
South Carolina	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	9:00 AM on Election Day
South Dakota	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Upon closing of polls on Election Day
Tennessee	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Upon closing of polls on Election Day
Texas	7:00 PM on Election Day	- Postmark by Election Day (from outside US) - Received by Nov 12th (from outside US) - Received by Nov 6 <sup>th</sup> (from within US)	Upon opening of polls on Election Day
Utah	- Postmark by Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> - Received by Noon on the date of canvass	- Postmark by Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> - Received by Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	Before the date of the canvass
Vermont	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day
Virginia	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day

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Washington	Postmark by Election Day	Nov 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 PM on Election Day
West Virginia	- Postmark by Election Day - Received by Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>	Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>	Election Day
Wisconsin	8:00 PM on Election Day	- Postmark by Election Day (military) - Received by Nov 16 <sup>th</sup> (military) - Same as regular ballot (overseas citizens)	Election Day
Wyoming	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day