

# VOTING: What You Need to Know

## Register or Update if address/name changes

(deadline is 22 days before an election; once registered, no need to register again), or verify your polling place (they can change) and see the ballot you'll vote at:

[www.vote.virginia.gov](http://www.vote.virginia.gov) (800-552-9745)

**Vote Early: Protect your vote** *against* getting too busy, sick, changes in plans, bad weather, traffic or lines by voting "in-person absentee" *before* Election Day. Just go into an Early Voting site (see [fairfaxdemocrats.org/vote](http://fairfaxdemocrats.org/vote)) state the last 4 of your social security #, and select a code that qualifies you:

- 1. Work or Personal Business:** On Election Day, you plan to leave your city/county of residence for any amount of time because of:
  - Code 1C** – Work, job, business
  - Code 1D** – Any personal reason (short trip or visit, meeting, appointment, vacation, class, errand, etc.)
  - Code 1E** – 11-hr combined work-commute within county. Select *only* if Code **1C** doesn't apply
- 2. College/Military/First Responder:**
  - Code 1A/1B** – You or your spouse attend college outside your city/county of residence
  - Code 6A/6B** – You, or dependent/spouse living with you, are active duty military/merchant marine
  - Code 1F** – You are a first responder
- 3. Health Issues or Caregiver:**
  - Code 2A** – Disabled, ill, difficulty waiting in line
  - Code 2B** – Primary caregiver for disabled at home
  - Code 2C** – You are pregnant

**Vote on Election Day only** at your assigned polling place (verify at [vote.virginia.gov](http://vote.virginia.gov)). Voters can get help from family or friends, even kids (interpreting). If in line by 7pm, you are guaranteed the right to vote.

## Bring Photo ID. No other voter card needed.

Valid Virginia driver's license (old address OK), gov't-issued or employer ID, US passport, Virginia student ID. Free ID at Early Voting Offices (vote early same trip) -- no documents needed; just swear to identity.

**Questions?** More on photo ID, absentee-by-mail voting, tips for voters with disabilities (like curbside voting), college student voting, getting help voting, restoring rights at: [fairfaxdemocrats.org/vote](http://fairfaxdemocrats.org/vote).

**We want every citizen to vote every election  
so democracy works for all of us!**



# Virginia VOTES every Year!

- 2018:** US Senate and House of Representatives.
- 2019:** Virginia Senate and House of Delegates and local offices – county supervisors, sheriff, schoolboard, clerks & commissioners
- 2020:** President and Vice President, U.S. Senate and House of Representatives
- 2021:** Virginia Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and Virginia House of Delegates

## When is Election Day?:

- **General Elections** are always on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
- **Primary Elections:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in June or March
- **Special Elections** any time, often on short notice.

**Polls are open 6am to 7pm on Election Day.**

# Why VOTE every Election?

In 2017 **just one vote** in VA's 94<sup>th</sup> District gave the GOP control of VA's House of Delegates! Your one vote can make a HUGE difference! **VOTE!**

**VOTE to Keep Progress Going:** In 2008, 69 million voted for Obama, but 26 million of them *didn't show up to VOTE* in the 2010 midterms. So Republicans took over the US House, killing Obama's "Hope & Change" progress.

**VOTE to End Corruption:** In 2010, Republicans flooded dark Big Money into local races, sweeping state houses so they could control redistricting after the census. By **REDMAP gerrymandering** the GOP locked in eight of VA's 11 US House seats in 2012 despite *Democrats* winning the Senate race by 6%!

**VOTE to Ensure Fair Elections:** The Democratic Platform commits "to end secret, unaccountable money in politics, end partisan gerrymandering" and voter suppression. The GOP Platform ignores Big Money corruption, ignores gerrymandering, and makes it harder to register and vote!

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# Don't Risk Missing Elections!

Go to [fairfaxdemocrats.org/vote](http://fairfaxdemocrats.org/vote), click on "Why VOTE every Election", and sign up to get e-mail notifications before each election with early voting times & locations, deadlines, etc. Share on social media to encourage friends & family to VOTE too!

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