

DOUGLAS COUNTY VOTERS: HOW TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT

Ballot Mailing and Voting Period

- Ballots for November 4, 2025, General Election will be mailed out on October 14th.
 - Expect state and local voter pamphlets to arrive around the same time as ballot packets.
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Ballot Return Options

- **In person:** At the Douglas County Auditor's Office.
 - **Ballot drop boxes:** Deposit ballots in permanent drop boxes throughout Douglas County. A full list of locations is included in your ballot insert. Ballots can be returned in any official ballot drop box in Washington State.
 - *If deposited in another county, ballots received on time will be securely forwarded to the Douglas County Auditor's Office for processing and counting*
 - **By mail:** Return ballots via the United States Postal Service.
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Returning Your Ballot by Mail

- Ballots must be postmarked no later than Election Day to be counted.
 - Dropping ballots in a blue USPS collection box will not guarantee the same-day postmark.
 - USPS recommends mailing ballots at least one week before Election Day.
 - After that, use an official ballot drop box. Drop boxes stay open until 8:00 p.m. on Election Night.
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Tracking Your Ballot

- Check your ballot status anytime at [www.VoteWA.gov](https://www.voteWA.gov):
 - Track when your ballot was mailed, received, and accepted for counting.
 - Sign up for text notifications for automatic updates.
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Uniformed and Overseas Voters (UOCAVA)

- Contact the Douglas County Auditor's Office for assistance with:
 - Electronic ballot access
 - Transmission options
 - Deadlines specific to military and overseas voters
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Important Notes

- Understanding postmarks, collection schedules, and return options ensures your vote is counted.
- All valid ballots received by the deadline are counted according to Washington law, regardless of return method.