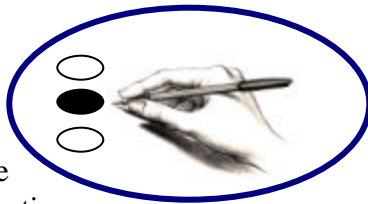


You must vote in the precinct where you live on Election Day. Prior to Election Day you will be sent an **Official Sample Ballot** that will include the name of your polling facility, the address, basic driving directions and a map. To lessen your time in the voting booth, you can pre-mark your sample ballot and use it as a guide when you mark your real ballot.

If you need assistance in reading or marking your ballot, you may bring someone with you or poll workers are available. Spanish language assistance and ADA compliant voting equipment are available at all Early Voting locations and at the polls on Election Day.

How To Vote A Ballot

Orange County uses digital scan voting equipment. To mark your choice, complete the oval to the left of your selection using the special pens provided in the voting booth. Once you're finished, you'll insert the ballot into the tabulator. If the tabulator cannot read your ballot, it will return the ballot to you and a poll worker will offer you a replacement ballot.



Are You Interested In Working on Election Day?

If you would like to work at the polls on Election Day, contact our office. You may earn from \$150 - \$250 per election. You must be a registered voter or pre-registered to vote in Orange County.

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VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

Each registered voter in this state has the right to:

1. Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.
2. Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official closing of the polls in that county.
3. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
4. Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
5. An explanation if his or her registration or identity is in question.
6. If his or her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
7. Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from elections officers.
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.
9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

VOTER RESPONSIBILITIES

Each registered voter in this state should:

1. Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain with the office of the supervisor of elections a current address.
3. Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation.
4. Bring proper identification to the polling station.
5. Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
6. Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
7. Respect the privacy of other voters.
8. Report any problems or violations of election laws to the supervisor of elections.
9. Ask questions, if needed.
10. Make sure that his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

NOTE TO VOTER: Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.



Orange County Voter Guide

Did you know...

Federal and State laws allows you to apply or update your voter registration information while at the Drivers License Office, Public Library, Center for Independent Living, WIC & DCF offices or at any elections office. A Florida Voter Registration Application form can also be found online at www.ocfelections.com or call us and we'll mail you a copy.

Registration Requirements

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be 18 years old (may pre-register at 16 years of age)
- Must be a Florida resident
- Must have your civil rights (If you've been convicted of a felony or declared mentally incompetent by the court, you must have your civil rights restored)

When completing the registration application take special care to follow the directions and answer all required questions. Voter registration is available year-round, but there is a deadline prior to each election. In order to vote in an upcoming election you must complete the registration process no later than 29 days prior to that election.

If you are registering to vote by mail and have never voted in Florida and haven't been issued a Florida Driver's License, identification card or Social Security number, you will be required to provide additional identification before voting the first time. Follow the instructions on the registration application form.

ELECTION SCHEDULE	
ELECTION	Last day to register/change party affiliation
February 9, 2010 Winter Park Primary (if necessary)	January 11, 2010
March 9, 2010 Municipal Elections*	February 8, 2010
April 13, 2010 Municipal Run-off Elections (if Necessary)	March 15, 2010
August 24, 2010 Primary Elections	July 26, 2010
November 2, 2010 General Election	October 4, 2010

* Apopka, Belle Isle, Edgewood, Maitland, Oakland, Ocoee, Orlando, Windermere and Winter Park General Election

Political Party Affiliation

Florida is a closed primary state. If you wish to vote in a partisan primary, you must be registered with that particular party affiliation. All registered voters, regardless of party affiliation, can vote on issues and non-partisan candidates. You can change your party affiliation by completing a voter registration application. The deadline for changing party affiliation is 29 days prior to the election.

Keep Your Record Current

Once registered, keep your address up-to-date. Since your residence address is used to determine the correct ballot for you in any given election it is vital that you keep your voter registration record up to date. Requirements vary depending on whether you move within Orange County or elsewhere within the State. We recommend changes be made on a Florida Voter Registration Application form that can be found online at www.ocfelections.com or at any public library. If you prefer, call us at (407) 836-2070 and we'll assist you in updating your record.

It's equally important to keep your record updated with name changes or when your signature changes due to age, illness or injury. These updates should be made using a voter registration application.

Voter Information Mailer

While Orange County no longer prints a voter registration "card", you will receive a Voter Information mailer that contains your precinct number and district information. If you don't receive this information or other correspondence from the elections office within 20 days of registering, call the Elections Office. While this mailer provides valuable information, it is not required that you produce it on Election Day to vote.

Three Convenient Ways To Vote:

You decide which method best suits your busy schedule-

1. **Voting by Mail:** If you are not able to go to the polling place on election day or to an early voting site, you may request an absentee ballot and vote by mail. Our office must receive your request no later than the sixth day prior to the election.

☆ By phone – call (407) 836-2070. A Customer Service Representative will take your request.

☆ By email – send your name, address, date of birth and election(s) for which you are requesting a ballot to voter@ocfelections.com.

☆ By Fax or Mail – send your name, address, date of birth, signature, and election(s) for which you are requesting a ballot to (407) 254-6598 or P.O. Box 562001, Orlando, FL 32856-2001.

☆ By Designee – beginning five days prior to an election, you may designate in writing someone to pick up your absentee ballot from the elections office. Your written request must include the items required above. The designee must show photo identification and may pick up ballots for no more than two non-family members.

The absentee ballot packet will include instructions on how to mark your ballot, how to complete the required absentee voter certificate, and how to properly return your ballot to the elections office. Voted absentee ballots must be in the Elections Office no later than 7:00 p.m. election day to be counted.

2. **Early Voting:** If you prefer to cast your ballot in person prior to Election Day, check your Sample Ballot or visit our website to find an early voting location. Early voting begins 15 days prior to an election. Pay special attention to the dates and hours of operation. Please bring some type of photo and signature identification.

3. **Voting At The Polls On Election Day:** The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. You are required to bring both photo and signature identification with you. Acceptable types of id include a Florida Driver's License or Identification Card and public assistance identification. For other forms of identification please call our office at (407) 836-2070.