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# Mail Ballots

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## When Ballots are Available

- **20 Days Before an Election Date:** Mail ballots are available 20 days prior to each election. Ballots are mailed 18 days prior to an election to all registered voters. ([RCW 29A.40.070](#))
- **Replacement Ballots:** A voter may request a replacement ballot in person, by mail, by telephone, or by other electronic transmission for himself or herself and for any member of his/her immediate family. Exceptions can only be made for registered voters who are a resident of a health care facility. ([RCW 29A.40.080](#)) ([RCW 29A.48.040](#))

## Early Mail Ballots

- **When Available:** As early as 90 days prior to any election, voters who believe they would not receive a regular ballot in time to vote and return it, may request an Early Mail Ballot. Any voter, who desires this service, is encouraged to contact the Kitsap County Elections Division to answer any questions. Call Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (360) 337.7128; or email the office at: [auditor@co.kitsap.wa.us](mailto:auditor@co.kitsap.wa.us).
  - ◆ **Request:** A request must be in writing, and state the voter's current residence and mailing address if either address is different from the voter's registration record. A voter may request a ballot for the Primary and General elections at the same time. Separate requests are required for special elections. ([RCW 29A.40.050](#))
- **Contents:** The Early Ballot will list the offices, candidates and measures known at the time of the application. A regular ballot is also mailed to the voter. If the regular ballot is returned as a voted ballot, it is processed and the Early Ballot is voided. ([RCW 29A.40.020](#)) ([RCW 29A.40.050](#))
- **Military and Overseas Voters:** Military and overseas voters already registered to vote in Kitsap County are mailed ballots 30 days prior to the election. A voter, who believes he/she would not receive a regular ballot in time to vote and return it, may request an Early Ballot. For additional options see above "Early Mail Ballots" or web site: [www.kitsapgov.com](http://www.kitsapgov.com). ([RCW 29A.40.070 \(2\)](#))

## Processing Mail Ballots

- **Signed Mailed:** Voted Mail Ballots must be signed and postmarked or returned to a Ballot-Drop Location or other designated place or to the Auditor's Office, no later than 8:00 p.m. the day of the election in order to be counted. ([RCW 29A.48.050](#))
  - ◆ **Ballot-Drop Locations:** A current list of Ballot-Drop Locations and their address is included when each Mail Ballot is mailed. The list is also available by calling the Kitsap County Auditor - Elections Division, or by going to the Auditor's web site: [www.kitsapgov.com](http://www.kitsapgov.com).
- **Missing Postmark:** If a postmark is missing or illegible on a Mailed Ballot envelope, the date on the return envelope to which the voter has attested determines the date mailed. ([RCW 29A.40.110](#))
- **Each Ballot Envelope is Verified:** Each envelope is examined for postmark and signature. Signatures on return envelopes are matched with the voter's registration signature file. ([RCW 29A.40.110](#))
- **Disability Access Voting:** Accessible voting devices for people with disabilities to vote privately and independently are available 20 days prior to each election at the Kitsap County Auditor's Office – Election Division.