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COWLITZ COUNTY ELECTIONS

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ELECTIONS TEAM IN COWLITZ

Cowlitz County Elections is proud to present our second issue of "Rooted in Democracy." As Election Administrators, we know how important it is to stay informed so that you can cast your vote securely and with confidence.

In this issue, we provide information regarding the upcoming General Election, Cowlitz County Ballot Drop Boxes, When a Candidate Files For Office, and Elections Mythbusting. Cowlitz County is Rooted in Democracy!

ELECT-PUN CORNER

Let's taco bout making your vote count!



BE SURE YOUR BALLOT

ARRIVES ON TIME

Returning ballot by USPS?



Mail by

OCTOBER 28

1 week before Election Day

A message from:



Cowlitz County Elections
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Using a ballot drop box?



Ballots due

NOVEMBER 4

by 8 p.m.

For a complete list of drop boxes, contact Cowlitz County Elections:

360-577-3005

or

www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/elections

COWLITZ COUNTY BALLOT DROP BOXES

There are 8 curbside ballot boxes within the county and 1 indoor ballot box located in our office. Boxes are open 24 hours a day, beginning 18 days before an election. The boxes are locked promptly at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Ballots are picked up daily by two staff members from the ballot drop boxes and are promptly returned to the elections office for processing.

ELECTION MYTHBUSTING

- ✗ Washington does not check ballot envelope signatures.
- ✓ Election workers are trained by experts in signature verification, and every ballot envelope signature is reviewed individually. Cowlitz County Elections does not use automatic signature verification.

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NOVEMBER 4, 2025 GENERAL

WHEN ARE BALLOTS MAILED?

Ballots for the November 4 General will be mailed October 17. Voters should see their ballot reach their homes by October 22.

WHO GETS A BALLOT?

Participating Jurisdictions: Countywide. Learn more about participating jurisdictions on the elections website.

WHEN ARE BALLOTS DUE?

Drop Box: 8 PM
November 4, 2025
In person: 8 PM
November 4, 2025
Mail: Postmark of
November 4 or sooner



WHAT'S ON MY BALLOT?

You can view races and measures on your ballot a few different ways starting in October:

- Online at VoteWA.gov
 - Login with your first name, last name, and date of birth
 - Select "Your Ballot & Voting Materials"
- Online at co.cowlitz.wa.us/elections
 - [PDF of the Local Voters' Pamphlet](#)
 - [Online Local Voters' Guide](#)
 - [Audio and Visual Local Voters' Pamphlet](#)
 - [Audio Local Voters' Pamphlet](#)
- Mail
 - Local voters' pamphlets are delivered to each household at least one week prior to ballots being mailed
- In person
 - Visit our office at [207 N 4th Ave, Rm 205, in Kelso, WA 98626](#)

WHEN A CANDIDATE FILES FOR OFFICE

When a voter files for office during Candidate Filing Week, they must be a registered voter within that jurisdiction and possess the qualifications specified by law (RCW 29A.24.075). As the system pulls from the residential address on their voter registration, the system then only provides offices that the voter is eligible to run for. After that step, the candidate then has the option to provide a separate campaign mailing address, such as a PO Box.