

Mail Ballot Deadlines, Nov. 3, 2026

When a mailed ballot has to arrive · shaded states count ballots postmarked by Election Day that arrive later · ballots dropped off in person usually must arrive by the close of polls

State	Mailed ballot must be	Late arrival accepted until
Alabama	Received by noon Nov. 3	No grace period
Alaska	Postmarked by Nov. 3	Nov. 13
Arizona	Received by 7 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
Arkansas	Received by 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
California	Postmarked by Nov. 3	Nov. 10
Colorado	Received by 7 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
Connecticut	Received by close of polls	No grace period
Delaware	Received by close of polls	No grace period
District of Columbia	Postmarked by Nov. 3	Nov. 13
Florida	Received by 7 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
Georgia	Received by 7 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
Hawaii	Received by 7 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
Idaho	Received by 8 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
Illinois	Postmarked by Nov. 3	Nov. 17
Indiana	Received by 6 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
Iowa	Received by close of polls	No grace period
Kansas	Postmarked by Nov. 3 (court order)	Nov. 6
Kentucky	Received by 6 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
Louisiana	Received by 4:30 p.m. Nov. 2	No grace period
Maine	Received by 8 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
Maryland	Postmarked by Nov. 3	Nov. 13, 10 a.m.
Massachusetts	Postmarked by Nov. 3	Nov. 6, 5 p.m.
Michigan	Received by 8 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
Minnesota	Received by 8 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
Mississippi	Postmarked by Nov. 3	5 business days later
Missouri	Received by close of polls	No grace period

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Montana	Received by 8 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
Nebraska	Received by close of polls	No grace period
Nevada	Postmarked by Nov. 3	Nov. 7, 5 p.m.
New Hampshire	Received by 5 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
New Jersey	Postmarked by Nov. 3	144 hours after polls close
New Mexico	Received by 7 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
New York	Postmarked by Nov. 3	Nov. 10
North Carolina	Received by 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
North Dakota	Postmarked by Nov. 2	Before canvass
Ohio	Received by 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
Oklahoma	Received by 7 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
Oregon	Postmarked by Nov. 3	Nov. 10
Pennsylvania	Received by 8 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
Rhode Island	Received by 8 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
South Carolina	Received by 7 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
South Dakota	Received by close of polls	No grace period
Tennessee	Received by close of polls	No grace period
Texas	Postmarked by Nov. 3	Nov. 4, 5 p.m.
Utah	Received by 8 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
Vermont	Received by 7 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
Virginia	Postmarked by Nov. 3	Nov. 6, noon
Washington	Postmarked by Nov. 3	Before county certification
West Virginia	Postmarked by Nov. 3	Start of canvass
Wisconsin	Received by 8 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period
Wyoming	Received by 7 p.m. Nov. 3	No grace period

The U.S. Postal Service advises mailing a ballot at least one week before it is due. In June 2026, the U.S. Supreme Court held in *Watson v. Republican National Committee* that federal law does not bar states from counting ballots that arrive after Election Day. Kansas's three-day grace period is in effect under a court injunction. Military and overseas voters have separate rules. Sources: state election codes as compiled by Ballotpedia; state election offices. Confirm with your county.