

Overseas and service voters

Ballot Packet Instructions

Get ready

You will need:

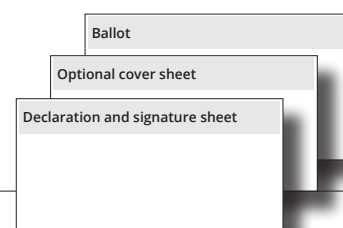
- Black ink pen
- Clear tape (optional)
- Envelope (optional)

Your ballot packet will include:

- Your ballot
- Declaration and signature sheet
- Optional cover sheet
- Envelope cut-out sheet

1 Vote and prepare your ballot packet

1. Print your ballot packet.
2. Review your selections or mark your choices by hand.
3. Sign and date your Declaration and signature sheet.
4. Arrange your completed ballot packet in the order shown below:
 - a. Declaration and signature sheet
 - b. Optional cover sheet
 - c. All of your ballot pages



2 Return your ballot

There are three ways to return your ballot.

Option 1: Email/fax option

You can return your ballot packet by email or fax no later than 8 p.m. (PDT) on Election Day, April 25, 2023.

To email your ballot:

1. Email your ballot packet as an attachment to **eballots@co.thurston.wa.us**
You can take a clear and legible picture of your ballot packet pages with a digital camera or smart phone.
 - Do not send a link.
 - Do not exceed a file size of 10MB.

To fax your ballot:

1. Fax your ballot packet to 360.705.3518

Option 2: Mail

Place your ballot into an envelope using the Envelope Cut-Out Sheet as instructed. The date you indicate on the voter declaration is considered the date of mailing and must be no later than Election Day, April 25, 2023. Your ballot must be received no later than the day before election certification.

Option 3: Ballot drop box

Place your ballot into an envelope using the Envelope Cut-Out Sheet as instructed. Ballot drop boxes open on April 5 and close promptly at 8 p.m. on Election Day, April 25, 2023. Visit **www.ThurstonWAVotes.gov** to find one of the **13** ballot drop boxes open for this election.



Read the Local Voters' Pamphlet in the ballot packet and on our website:
www.ThurstonWAVotes.gov



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Declaration and signature sheet

Instructions

After you vote, read the declaration and complete the sign and date section below.

1 Read the declaration I do solemnly swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am:

- A United States citizen;
- A Washington state resident that meets the requirements for voting mandated by state law;
- At least 18 years old on election day, or 17 years old at the primary and 18 years old by the day the November general election;
- Voting only once in this election and not voting in any other United States jurisdiction;
- Not serving a sentence of total confinement under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections for a Washington felony conviction or currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction;
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order; and
- Aware it is illegal to forge a signature or cast another person's ballot and that attempting to vote when not qualified, attempting to vote more than once, or falsely signing this declaration is a felony punishable by a maximum imprisonment of five years, a maximum fine of \$10,000, or both.

2 Voter information

For your ballot to be identifiable, fill in fields listed below:

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Date of Birth
Residential Address	City	State	Zip

3 Sign and date

You must sign and date for your ballot to be counted.

X

signature of voter (required)

/ /
date (mm/dd/yy)

email or phone number *(optional, in case there is an issue with your signature)*

If you are unable to write your signature, make a mark in the signature area above. Have your mark witnessed and signed by two people below. You may not use a power of attorney to sign for someone else.

signature of witness 1


signature of witness 2



Failure to sign and date
may invalidate your ballot.

continue to optional cover sheet



 You may return this page, but it is not required

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Optional cover sheet

What is this?


This sheet is optional and will keep your ballot private when your ballot packet arrives at Thurston County Elections. Please note that ballots printed using the online system may be less secret when processed by Elections staff.

Instructions

Once you have finished voting your ballot and signed the declaration, you are ready to move on to the next step.
Return to the Ballot Packet Instructions, step 2.

return to the ballot packet instructions 

 **Who donates to campaigns?**
View contributors for candidates and measures
Public Disclosure Commission
www.pdc.wa.gov
Toll Free 1-877-601-2828

 **Contact information**
phone: 360.786.5408
email: eballots@co.thurston.wa.us
online: ThurstonWAVotes.gov



Use the envelope cut-out if you selected the option to return your ballot by mail.

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Envelope cut-out sheet

What is this?

If you are returning your ballot materials by mail use the envelope image below for pre-paid postage and first-class delivery.

Instructions

1. Cut out envelope image below along the dotted lines.
2. Tape the image onto an envelope. Be careful not to cover the postmark area in the upper right corner of your envelope with tape.
3. Fold the completed ballot packet (declaration and signature sheet, optional ballot cover sheet, and ballot) and place it into the envelope.
4. Seal and mail the envelope.

