



Chester County Voter Guide
7 November 2017



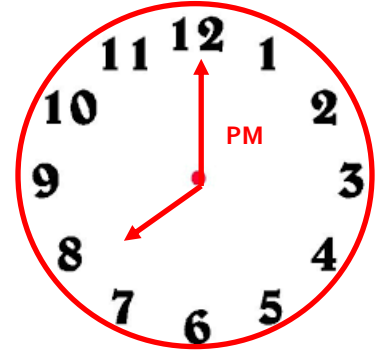
When to Vote?



Polls open at 7 a.m.

Polls in Pennsylvania are open on Tuesday, 7 November 2017 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you are on line at 8 p.m. you will be able to vote, even if it is after 8 pm, but you *must* be on line by 8.



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What if I can't Make it to the Polls?

If you know you will be out of the area, or out of the country, on Election Day, or if you cannot get to the polls because of a medical issue, you can utilize an absentee ballot. In addition, if you (or your child) is away at college, her or she can vote absentee in Pennsylvania. Further, there are special options for those serving in the military.

This is a two-step process.

First, you need to request an absentee ballot application. Click [here](#) to download an application, follow the instructions exactly, and return it to Voter Services at the address on the instructions page.

Here are the deadlines:

October 21: Suggested deadline to mail absentee ballot applications

October 28: Suggest deadline to mail voted absentee ballot.

October 31: Deadline to apply for absentee vote application is by 5 pm at Voter Services. No post

dates accepted.

November 3: Deadline for county to receive voted absentee ballot.

Voter Services must receive your request by 31 October 2017 **BUT** the completed absentee ballot must be received by Voter Services by 5 p.m. on 3 November 2017, so if it's past mid-October, go to Voter Services, fill out your application and you will be able to fill out your ballot at that time.

If you need an emergency ballot, the process is somewhat cumbersome. If you need an absentee ballot because of, say, getting very ill the weekend before Election Day, you will need someone to run between a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Voter Services and the hospital room on Monday, 6 November. Call Voter Services and use the application [here](#).

For those in the military, or living overseas, you will need [this application](#), and to follow the instructions on the second page.

**VOTING IN PA:
ABSENTEE BALLOTS 101**

What do I Bring to the Polls?

If this is the first time you are voting in Pennsylvania, OR the first time you are voting at your current polling place, you will need to bring an ID with you. Acceptable forms of ID include:

- ◇ Driver's license
 - ◇ U.S. passport
 - ◇ Military, student, or employee ID
 - ◇ Voter registration card
 - ◇ Firearm permit
 - ◇ Current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or government check
 - ◇ Any ID issued by the PA or federal government
- Note:** IDs without a photo must have your address on it.

If you have voted at your polling place in the past, you do not need to provide any ID of any sort.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
JOHN M. RUSSELL
PO BOX 895
AMITE LA 70422-895

TANGIPAHOA

FIRST CLASS MAIL
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
AMITE LA
PERMIT NO. 12

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
voter identification card

YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECORD

IMPORTANT: RETAIN FOR VOTE PURPOSES.
FOR VOTE AT: 105 PCT 66906 LOCATED AT:

POLLING PLACE STREET ADDRESS

Registrar of Voters
JOHN M. RUSSELL

Parish
TANGIPAHOA

Your Name
Physical Address
City, State and Zip Code

voter number	REG DATE	B. O. B.	issue date	PTY
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What if Something Goes Wrong?

Chester County has a long history of honest and fair elections, with a commitment to making sure all eligible voters can vote.

If there is a problem with your registration, or not being on the voter rolls, the Judge of Elections (at every polling place) will work with you and Voter Services to make sure that you can cast a provisional ballot, and will explain the process to you at that time.

If you end up at the wrong polling place, the Judge of Elections will be able to find out where you should be voting and you'll get directions to that location.

All polling places in Chester County offer Optical Scan ballots. If you have any concern about your voting counting, make sure to use an Optical Scan ballot. You'll use a provided pen to blacken in the circles next to the candidates of your choice. It's like a standardized test - fill in the circles completely, no stray marks,



and mark the correct number of entries. For some positions, there will be one candidate who will win, but for some positions, there may be more. For example, each precinct will elect one Judge of Election, but four candidates will be elected as Judge of the Superior Court.

Your ballot will be counted by the Optical Scanner. After the polls close, the absentee ballots will be run through the scanner. Then, the total number of ballots (used, unused, spoiled) will be added together to ensure that all were counted and none were lost. All election materials are returned from the polling places to Voter Services, which will hand-count all of the ballots and certify the results. If necessary, the County may order a recount, of, say, a very close race.

Polling places in Chester County also have electronic voting. The rule for county workers is to offer electronic voting only if requested, but some polling places offer them anyway. Say no.

Helpful Contacts

◇ **Chester County Voter Services:**

601 Westtown Road, Suite 150
West Chester, PA 19380-0990
Phone: 610-344-6410
Fax: 610-344-5682

- ◇ List of Candidates by Ballot Position: <http://www.chesco.org/DocumentCenter/View/41224>, No, they're not alphabetical, positions are selected by lottery.
- ◇ Interactive map of polling places is listed [here](#). Type in your home address to get directions to your polling place. You can also use [this link](#) if you need an address but don't need directions.
- ◇ Looking for information on candidates? See the ICC Guide at www.indivisiblechesco.org/Candidates.
- ◇ Most Chester County Townships, on their websites, will list any changed or emergency polling places a few days before the election. Sometimes things happen (like a collapsed roof) and the most recent information is available from your township.



This booklet was prepared by Indivisible Chester County.

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Indivisible Chester County makes our voices known to our elected representatives, supports candidates with progressive positions, and takes part in non-violent exercise of our First Amendment rights.

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