

You do not need a home to vote

Frequently asked questions by voters with non-traditional addresses

Q: I don't have a traditional home address, can I still register to vote?

A: Yes, Washington law doesn't require a residence as a condition of voting. As long as you are a U.S. citizen, 18 years old, not currently denied your civil rights as a result of being convicted of a felony, and have lived in Snohomish County for at least 30 days, you can register to vote.

Q: What address should I use?

A: All voter must register at the location they deem to be their residence. Washington State law states that a voter who lacks a traditional residential address can register at a shelter, park, motorhome, marina, or other identifiable location they consider their residence. This location will be used to determine which precinct you will vote in. (RCW 29A.08.112)

Q: How will I receive my ballot and other election mailings?

A: Along with your residential address, you must also provide a valid mailing address. An accurate, valid mailing address is essential in order to receive ballots and election information on time. This can include a post office box, address of a friend or relative, shelter or general delivery at a local post office.

Ballots are mailed 19 days before an election and need to be returned to any ballot drop box or postmarked by the election day.

Q: What is general delivery and how do I use it?

A: General delivery is an easy, no cost alternative to carrier service or a post office box. After registering with general delivery, your mail will be held at your city's main post office for up to 30 days and can be picked up at your convenience. Call (800) ASK-USPS for more information.

Q: How do I complete the registration form?

A: Fill out all sections accurately and completely. Include both a residence address and a valid mailing address as shown in the picture below.

Colby Ave and 24th St		
residential address (in Washington)		
Everett		98201
city		zip
General Delivery		
mailing address (if different than residential address)		
Everett	WA	98206
city	state / zip	

Q: Can I still vote in person?

A: Snohomish County votes all by mail ballot. However, there are accessible voting machines in the lobby of the Snohomish County Elections Office beginning 20 days before every election. It is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett. There is also another remote location with accessible voting in Lynnwood that is open the day before and the day of the election. It is located in the Lynnwood Library.

Remember: To ensure that your voter registration is up-to-date and you are able to vote without delay on election day, always notify our office if your residential or mailing address changes.

For more information please visit www.snoco.org/elections or call (425) 388-3444.