

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

A Guide for Voting on Election Day

Voting isn't just about ticking boxes—it's about shaping the future you want to see for yourself, your family, and your community. It's your chance to have a say in the decisions that affect you directly, from local policies to national leadership. This guide is meant to help you prepare for your trip to the polls and form expectations before you arrive.

- Make sure you're registered to vote. You will not be permitted to vote if you're not registered. If you're unsure about your status, you can check it on the Georgia Secretary of State's My Voter page online, or you can call or visit the local elections office. If you do, in fact, need to register or make changes to your registration information, the time period you have to do that varies by election. Refer to our election calendar or call our office for deadline details.

- Be knowledgeable about what you'll be voting on. An example of your specific ballot can be found on the Georgia Secretary of State's My Voter page online. All you have to do is key in your first initial, last name, county, and date of birth.

- Know where to go. Your voting precinct is assigned based on the residential address provided during registration. We have a list of precincts throughout the county that will likely help you determine where yours is. You can also refer to your voter ID or use the My Voter page. Should you still have questions, we welcome your call.

- Be sure to bring your photo ID. Acceptable forms include: any state or federal government-issued photo ID; a free photo ID issued by the county's registration office or the Georgia Department of Driver Services; a Georgia driver's license (even if it's expired); a student photo ID from a public Georgia college or university; a valid county, state, or federal government employee photo ID; a valid U.S. passport; a valid military photo ID; and a valid tribal photo ID.

- Dress appropriately. You will not be allowed access to the polls if you're wearing campaign apparel or accessories like t-shirts, hats, and pins.

- Bring notes if you wish. A copy of your sample ballot is permitted. So are hand-written or typed notes. However, they may not be distributed.

- Leave prohibited items behind. These include cell phones, photo and video cameras, and weapons.

- Mind your manners. Campaign/Political discussion is strictly forbidden inside the polling place.

- Watch your distance. No food or drink can be provided or received within 150 feet of the polls. Campaign signs are also not allowed to be placed within that same distance (or in public rights-of-way.)

- **No loitering.** You'll be expected to leave the precinct after you've cast your ballot.

As your elections director, I encourage you to approach the voting process with confidence and preparedness. Your participation is vital for our democracy and by following these guidelines, you can ensure a smooth and respectful voting experience for yourself and your fellow citizens. Thank you for exercising your right to vote and contributing to the future of our community.

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