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**Release modified to correct Northfield absentee voting hours**

## **Early voting for 2022 election runs through Nov. 7**

Decision 2022 starts Friday in Minnesota with the opening of absentee voting.

This year, all statewide elected offices are on the ballot as are all Minnesota legislators and U.S. representatives. Also up for election are two Rice County commissioners' seats (Districts 3 and 4), the county sheriff and attorney, two Soil and Water Conservation District Board members, and various city and school district officials.

Rice County voters can vote by mail or in person at the Property Tax and Elections Office in the Rice County Government Services Building, 320 Third St. NW, Faribault from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays through Friday, Nov. 4. The office will also be open for voting from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5 and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7.

All Rice County voters or those living in Northfield's Third Ward, which lies in Dakota County, can also cast their ballot at Northfield City Hall, 801 Washington St., Northfield, from 8-11:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 23, and Friday, Sept. 30. Starting Monday, Oct. 3, voting hours in Northfield will be from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8-11:45 a.m. Fridays through Nov. 4. On Saturday, Nov. 5, ballots may be cast between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., though voters must arrive by 2:45 p.m. Voting continues from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7; voters wishing to cast a ballot must arrive by 4:45 p.m.

Anyone voting early must fill out an application in order to receive an absentee ballot.

The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

To register to vote, visit the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State website ([www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us)) and click on Elections and Voting, then Register to Vote. There you can register online or download forms to complete and mail. Minnesota allows Election Day registration, though that requires proof of residence. The forms and list of acceptable documents is also on the Secretary of State's website.

That website, and the [Elections page](#) on the Rice County website has lots of information about voting, elections and candidates for office. Voters can learn who is running for office at <https://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us> by simply entering their ZIP Code or name of their county of residence.



Early voting for the Minnesota general election is open through Nov. 7. Voters need to apply for an absentee ballot either online or in person at the county office building in Faribault or Northfield City Hall before receiving their ballot. (Rice County photo)

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