

2021 MINNESOTA TOWNS WITH MARCH ELECTIONS CALENDAR

NOTES ON THE CALENDAR

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This calendar lists important election dates related to the 2021 Election Cycle. Date entries include citations to Minnesota Statutes or Minnesota Rules. Minnesota Statutes and Rules are available at <http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us>. In all matters, Minnesota Election Law is the final authority, not this calendar. Changes to Minnesota Election Law enacted by the Minnesota State Legislature in 2021 may alter dates or other information on this calendar. For the most current version of this document please check the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.mn.us.

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Geographic Definitions

- Metro Towns (M.S. 200.02, subd. 24): Towns located in Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington, and Wright Counties.
- Metropolitan area (M.S. 473.121, subd. 2): The area over which the Metropolitan Council has jurisdiction, including only the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota excluding the cities of Northfield and Cannon Falls; Hennepin excluding the cities of Hanover and Rockford; Ramsey; Scott excluding the city of New Prague; and Washington.

Calculation of Dates

Dates on the 2020 Minnesota Towns with March Election Calendar are calculated in the following manner, pursuant to M.S. 331A.08, subds. 1-2; 645.13-.15; & .151: When counting the number of days before an election or other event, the day before the event is the first day counted. When counting the number of days after an election or other event, the day after the event is the first day counted. When the last day falls on a weekend or legal holiday, that day is usually omitted from the computation.

Note: When Minnesota Election Law requires that a jurisdiction's administrative action be taken on or before a date that falls on a weekend, this calendar usually uses the previous Friday date to ensure timely action."

Relevant law on the calculation of dates

- 645.13 Time; publication for successive weeks.
When the term "successive weeks" is used in any law providing for the publishing of notices, the word "weeks" shall be construed as calendar weeks. The publication upon any day of such weeks shall be sufficient publication for that week, but at least five days shall elapse between each publication. At least the number of weeks specified in "successive weeks" shall elapse between the first publication and the day for the happening of the event for which the publication is made.
- 645.15 Computation of time.

Where the performance or doing of any act, duty, matter, payment, or thing is ordered or directed, and the period of time or duration for the performance or doing thereof is prescribed and fixed by law, the time, except as otherwise provided in sections 645.13 and 645.14, shall be computed so as to exclude the first and include the last day of the prescribed or fixed period or duration of time. When the last day of the period falls on Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, that day shall be omitted from the computation.

- 645.151 Timely delivery or filing.

When an application, payment, return, claim, statement or other document is to be delivered to or filed with a department, agency or instrumentality of this state or of a political subdivision on or before a prescribed date and the prescribed date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, it is timely delivered or filed if it is delivered or filed on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

- 331A.08 Computation of time.

Subd. 1. Time for publication. The time for publication of public notices shall be computed to exclude the first day of publication and include the day on which the act or event, of which notice is given, is to happen or which completes the full period required for publication.

Subd. 2. Time for act or proceeding. The time within which an act is to be done or proceeding had or taken, as prescribed by the rules of procedure, shall be computed by excluding the first day and including the last. If the last day is Sunday or a legal holiday the party shall have the next secular day in which to do the act or take the proceeding."

2021 MINNESOTA TOWNSHIPS WITH MARCH ELECTIONS CALENDAR

Begin Date	End Date	Bolded type indicates subdivision affected:	Statute §	Affected	Reference
Thursday, November 26, 2020	Thursday, November 26, 2020	Thanksgiving Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Friday, November 27, 2020	Friday, November 27, 2020	Day After Thanksgiving Holiday: Political subdivisions have the option of determining whether Friday after Thanksgiving day shall be a holiday. Where it is determined that day after Thanksgiving is not a holiday, public business may be conducted. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Tuesday, December 1, 2020	Tuesday, December 1, 2020	Towns with March Elections: Last day to designate location for March township elections absentee voting - 14 weeks before election. <i>M.S. 203B.081, subd. 2</i>	203B.081, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Voting
Wednesday, December 9, 2020	Wednesday, December 9, 2020	Towns with March Elections: (90-days pre-March-town-elections). The municipal governing body may authorize mail balloting by resolution (revocation of resolution has same deadline) - no later than 90 days prior to the first election at which mail balloting will be used. <i>M.S. 204B.45, subd. 1; M.R. 8210.3000, subp. 2</i>	204B.45, subd. 1; 8210.3000, subp. 2	Towns with March Elections	Mail Elections
Tuesday, December 15, 2020	Tuesday, December 15, 2020	Towns with March Elections: Last day for County Auditor to meet or otherwise communicate with March town election officials to review election procedures for 2021 March Town Elections - at least 12 weeks before March town elections. <i>M.S. 204B.28, subd. 1</i>	204B.28, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Election Day

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Tuesday, December 15, 2020	Tuesday, December 15, 2020	Towns with March Elections: Last day to <i>publish</i> notice of town offices to be elected at March town elections. Notice to include first & last dates to file for town office, and the closing time for filing (<i>municipal clerk's office to be open for filing from 1-5 p.m. on the last day of the filing period</i>) – at least 2 weeks before the first day to file an Affidavit of Candidacy. <i>M.S. 205.13, subd. 2</i>	205.13, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Friday, December 18, 2020	Friday, December 18, 2020	Towns with March Elections: Last day to <i>post</i> notice of town offices to be elected at March town elections. Notice to include first & last dates to file for town office, and the closing time for filing on the last day to file (<i>municipal clerk's office to be open for filing from 1-5 p.m. on the last day of the filing period</i>) - 10 days before the first day to file affidavits of candidacy. <i>M.S. 205.13, subd. 2</i>	205.13, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Thursday, December 24, 2020	Thursday, December 24, 2020	Towns with March Elections: (25th is a holiday - so the deadline is the 24th) Last day for <u>township</u> to provide written notice of election to auditor (if notice is not provided earlier than this date, consult with legal counsel about this date being a holiday) – at least 74 days before election. <i>M.S. 205.16, subd. 4</i>	205.16, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Thursday, December 24, 2020	Thursday, December 24, 2020	Towns with March Elections: (25th is a holiday - so the deadline is the 24th) Last day for <u>Auditor</u> to notify the Secretary of State of March Township Elections. Notification is confirming that the town's profile is marked as March annual elections in SVRS – at least 74 days before election. <i>M.S. 205.16, subd. 5</i>	205.16, subd.5	Towns with March Elections	Notice

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Thursday, December 24, 2020	Thursday, December 24, 2020	Towns with March Elections: (25th is a holiday - so the deadline is the 24th) Last day for town board to cancel a special election scheduled for March Township Election Day that was ordered by the town board on its own motion - not less than 74 days before the election. <i>M.S. 205.10, subd. 6</i>	205.10, subd. 6	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Friday, December 25, 2020	Friday, December 25, 2020	Christmas Day Holiday. No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd.5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Tuesday, December 29, 2020	Tuesday, December 29, 2020	Towns with March Elections: NO PRECINCT BOUNDARY LINE CHANGES ARE MADE IN A YEAR ENDING IN ZERO UNTIL REDISTRICTING IS COMPLETE IN A YEAR ENDING IN 1 OR 2 (subd. 3). In other years... Last day to change precinct boundary prior to March Township Election - at least 10 weeks before the date of the next election. <i>M.S. 204B.14, subds. 3 & 4</i>	204B.14, subds.3 & 4	Towns with March Elections	Boundaries
Tuesday, December 29, 2020	Tuesday, December 29, 2020	Towns with March Elections: Last day to provide notice of election and the special mail procedure - at least 10 weeks prior to the election. <i>M.S. 204B.45, subd. 2; M.R. 8210.3000, subp. 3</i>	204B.45, subd. 2; 8210.3000, subp. 3	Towns with March Elections	Mail Elections
Tuesday, December 29, 2020	Tuesday, January 12, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Candidate filing period for March township elections— Between 70 and 56 days before the election. <i>M.S. 205.13, subd. 1a</i>	205.13, subd. 1a	Towns with March Elections	Filing
Tuesday, December 29, 2020	Thursday, April 8, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Filing officers who receive financial reports must post them on their public websites (if one is maintained) within 30 days of receipt of report. They are kept on website for 4 years. Provide link to webpage to CFPDB. Does not apply to cities or towns with fewer than 400 registered voters as of Jan 1 of the year of the election. <i>M.S. 211A.02, subd. 6</i>	211A.02, subd. 6	Towns with March Elections	Filing

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Thursday, December 31, 2020	Thursday, December 31, 2020	Towns with March Elections: **NEWER LEGISLATION** By December 31 of each year, the governing body of each municipality & unorganized territory must designate by ordinance or resolution a polling place for each election precinct. The polling places designated are the polling places for the following calendar year. A town may designate one location for state/federal locations and one location for town-only elections. <i>M.S. 204B.16, subd. 1</i>	204B.16, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Polling Place
Friday, January 1, 2021	Friday, January 1, 2021	New Year's Day Holiday. No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd.5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Friday, January 1, 2021	Friday, December 31, 2021	Towns with March Elections: The OSS shall conduct conferences with the county auditors, municipal clerks, and school district clerks to instruct them on the procedures for redistricting of election districts and establishment of election precincts - in the year ending in one. <i>M.S. 204B.16, subd. 1</i>	204B.16, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Boundaries
Tuesday, January 5, 2021	Tuesday, January 5, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Legislative Session Begins. <i>M.S. 3.011</i>	3.011	Towns with March Elections	Legislature
Friday, January 8, 2021	Friday, January 8, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Secretary of State must send Example Ballot to March township clerks (usually sent in December) - 30 days before absentee ballots must be made available. <i>M.S. 205.17, subd. 7</i>	205.17, subd. 7	Towns with March Elections	Ballots
Friday, January 8, 2021	Friday, January 8, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day for towns with March elections to disseminate information to the public about the use of a new voting system – at least 60 days prior to the election. <i>M.S. 206.58, subd. 1</i>	206.58, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Equipment

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Friday, January 8, 2021	Friday, January 8, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day to send a March town election absentee ballot application to each person on the list of voters who have applied to automatically receive an absentee ballot application – at least 60 days before the election. <i>M.R. 8210.0200, subp. 4</i>	8210.0200, subp. 4	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Tuesday, January 12, 2021	Tuesday, January 12, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Candidate filing closes for March township elections - 56 days before the election. The municipal clerk's office must be open for filing from <u>1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the filing period.</u> <i>M.S. 205.13, subd. 1a</i>	205.13, subd. 1a	Towns with March Elections	Filing
Tuesday, January 12, 2021	Tuesday, January 12, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Most likely this will be the date. Annual List Maintenance (ALM). After the close of the calendar year, the OSS shall determine if any registrants have not voted during the <i>preceding</i> four years. Those records will be changed to the status of "inactive." The OSS prepares a report to the county auditor containing the names of all registrants whose status was changed to "inactive." <i>M.S. 201.171</i>	201.171	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Thursday, January 14, 2021	Thursday, January 14, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Candidates may withdraw until 5:00 p.m. – within two days after filing closes. <i>M.S. 205.13, subd. 6</i>	205.13, subd. 6	Towns with March Elections	Filing
Monday, January 18, 2021	Monday, January 18, 2021	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday - No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday

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Friday, January 22, 2021	Friday, January 22, 2021	Towns with March Elections: An updated master list for each precinct must be available for absentee voting. Absentee voting for a town general election held in March may begin 30 days before that election, as opposed to 46 days for all other elections. Even though absentee voting starts at 30 days before March town elections, the master list is still required to be available at the 46 day mark - at least 46 days before <i>each</i> election. <i>M.S. 201.091, subd. 2; 204B.35, subd. 4</i>	201.091, subd. 2; 204B.35, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Friday, January 22, 2021	Tuesday, February 23, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Mail ballot precincts/mail elections ballots shall be mailed by nonforwardable mail to all registered voters. If a mail ballot envelope is rejected at least 5 days before the election, the ballot in the envelope must be considered spoiled and the auditor or clerk shall provide the voter with a replacement ballot - Not more than 46 days nor later than 14 days before a regularly scheduled election [March township election's ballots might not be available until 30 days before]. <i>M.S. 204B.45, subd. 2</i>	204B.45, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Mail Elections
Friday, January 22, 2021	Monday, March 8, 2021	Towns with March Elections: The county auditor is to transmit UOCAVA ballots for town residents with UOCAVA applications on file for that calendar year. <u>Town clerk to provide ballots to auditor's office for transmission</u> - at least 46 days before the election. <i>M.S. 203B.22</i>	203B.22	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, January 22, 2021	Tuesday, March 9, 2021	Towns with March Elections: An <i>agent</i> returning another's absentee ballot must show ID with name and signature. Absentee Ballot administrator records agent's name/address, voter's name/address and has agent sign the log. <i>M.S. 203B.08, subd. 1; M.R. 8210.2200, subp. 3</i>	203B.08, subd. 1; 8210.2200, subp. 3	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot

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Friday, January 22, 2021	Tuesday, March 9, 2021	Towns with March Elections: All absentee Ballot administrators date, stamp or initial and record absentee ballot return envelopes (mark as received in SVRS) and place in secure location for ballot board review. <i>M.S. 203B.08, subd. 3; M.R. 8210.2300</i>	203B.08, subd. 3; 8210.2300	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, January 22, 2021	Tuesday, March 9, 2021	Towns with March Elections: The <i>County Auditor</i> must establish UOCAVA absentee ballot board for March Township Elections to examine all returned UOCAVA absentee ballot envelopes and accept or reject the absentee ballots. If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must be considered spoiled and the official in charge of the absentee ballot board must provide the voter with a replacement absentee ballot and return envelope - during the 45 days before the election the board must immediately examine the return envelopes. <i>M.S. 203B.23</i>	203B.23	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Tuesday, January 26, 2021	Monday, March 8, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Provide for instruction of voters with a demonstration voting system in a public place for the 6 weeks immediately prior to the 1st election at which the new voting system will be used. <i>M.S. 206.58, subd. 1</i>	206.58, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Equipment
Friday, January 29, 2021	Friday, January 29, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Annual Campaign Finance Reports due if a final report has not been submitted —January 31 of each year. <i>M.S. 211A.02, subd. 1</i>	211A.02, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Filing

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Tuesday, February 2, 2021	Tuesday, February 2, 2021	Towns with March Elections: THERE ARE <u>NO</u> STATEWIDE POLITICAL PARTY PRECINCT CAUCUSES IN ODD YEARS. There might be local precinct caucuses in larger cities in the metro area to endorse local candidates for local elections. Government entities may conduct their meetings because local precinct caucus meetings are not protected by M.S. 202A.19, Subds. 1 & 5.	202A.19, subds. 1 & 5	Towns with March Elections	Caucus
Friday, February 5, 2021	Monday, March 8, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Period of time for Absentee Voting for March Township Elections - at least 30 days before election. <i>M.S. 204B.35, subd. 4</i>	204B.35, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, February 5, 2021	Tuesday, March 9, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Town board establishes ballot board for March Town Elections. Returned absentee ballots are presented to the absentee ballot board within 5 days of receipt up until the 14th day before the election, then every 3 days. They will be marked either "accepted" or "rejected." <i>M.S. 203B.08, subd. 3; 203B.121, subds. 1 & 2</i>	203B.08, subd. 3; 203B.121, subds. 1 & 2	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, February 5, 2021	Tuesday, March 9, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Recording process for March town election absentee ballots received by hand delivery by an agent that includes the agent's name and address, the name and address of the absent voter whose ballot the agent is delivering, and agent's signature. Agent shall show ID which contains the agent's name and signature. <i>M.R. 8210.2200, subp. 3</i>	8210.2200, subp. 3	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot

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Tuesday, February 9, 2021	Tuesday, February 9, 2021	Towns with March Elections: February Uniform Special Election Date. One of five uniform special election dates specified in M.S. 205.10, subd. 3a and 205A.05, subd. 1a. A school district or county that falls within the boundaries of a town may hold a special primary or election on this date. Special elections are not considered "regularly scheduled" elections. <i>M.S. 205.10, subd. 3a; 205A.05, subd. 1a</i>	205.10, subd. 3a; 205A.05, subd. 1a	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Friday, February 12, 2021	Friday, February 12, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day to appoint election judges for March Township Elections – at least 25 days before election. <i>M.S. 204B.21, subd. 2</i>	204B.21, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Friday, February 12, 2021	Friday, February 12, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day to notify affected voters of a March town election polling place change – at least 25 days before election. <i>M.S. 204B.16, subd. 1a</i>	204B.16, subd. 1a	Towns with March Elections	Polling Place
Monday, February 15, 2021	Monday, February 15, 2021	Towns with March Elections: A change in the boundary of an election precinct that has occurred as a result of a muni boundary adjustment made under chapter 414 that is effective more than 21 days before the 2021 March township election takes effect at that election - more than 21 days before the election. <i>M.S. 204B.14, subd. 4a</i>	204B.14, subd. 4a	Towns with March Elections	Boundaries
Monday, February 15, 2021	Monday, February 15, 2021	Presidents' Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Tuesday, February 16, 2021	Tuesday, February 16, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day to pre-register for March Town Election – closes at 5:00 p.m. 21 days before election for paper VRAs; 11:59 p.m. for electronic VRAs. <i>M.S. 201.061, subd. 1</i>	201.061, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration

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Wednesday, February 17, 2021	Wednesday, February 17, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day for the operator of a residential facility to provide a certified list of employees eligible to vouch for residents of the facility to county auditor – no less than 20 days before the March town elections. <i>M.S. 201.061, subd. 3(4)(b)</i>	201.061, subd. 3(4)(b)	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Wednesday, February 17, 2021	Friday, March 5, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Counties produce polling place rosters for March elections <i>after</i> completing all registration-related tasks. <u>VRAs received by OSS</u> by 5:00 p.m. on the 21st day before will be forwarded to appropriate counties as soon as possible. Also, all <i>on-line</i> voter registrations received up until 11:59 p.m. on the 21st day must be processed. Counties might not receive these queued records until a couple days later (security checks). <i>M.S. 204B.28, subd. 2; 204C.10; M.R. 8200.9115</i>	204B.28, subd. 2; 204C.10; 8200.9115	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Wednesday, February 17, 2021	Monday, March 8, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Period of time during which Election Judges shall deliver absentee ballots only to an eligible voter who is a temporary or permanent resident in a health care facility or hospital located in the municipality in which the voter maintains residence who has applied for absentee ballots to the county auditor or municipal clerk – 20 days preceding an election (Health Care Facility Outreach). <i>M.S. 203B.11, subd. 2</i>	203B.11, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Wednesday, February 17, 2021	Monday, March 8, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Auditor mails late registration letters to those with March elections who did not meet the pre-registration deadline. <i>M.R. 8200.3100</i>	8200.3100	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration

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Tuesday, February 23, 2021	Tuesday, February 23, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day to send a <u>subsequent</u> mailing of ballots to those voters in a mail ballot precinct who registered to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election - no later than 14 days before the election. <i>M.S. 204B.45, subd. 2</i>	204B.45, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Mail Elections
Tuesday, February 23, 2021	Tuesday, February 23, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day to publish 1st of 2 <i>Notices of Election</i> – 2 weeks' published notice. (Optional for *non-metro towns) <i>M.S. 205.16, subd. 1</i>	205.16, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Tuesday, February 23, 2021	Tuesday, February 23, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day to publish <i>sample ballot</i> for Township Election – 2 weeks before election. (Optional for *non-metro towns) <i>M.S. 205.16, subd. 2</i>	205.16, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Tuesday, February 23, 2021	Tuesday, February 23, 2021	Towns with March Elections: At least 2 weeks before the election a sample ballot shall be prepared and made available for public inspection in the clerk's office and post sample ballot in each polling place on election day. <i>M.S. 205.16, subd. 3</i>	205.16, subd. 3	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Tuesday, February 23, 2021	Monday, March 8, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Period of time to do public accuracy test of voting equipment to include tabulator and/or assistive voting devices – within 14 days of election. Publish notice at least two days <i>before</i> test. <i>M.S. 206.83</i>	206.83	Towns with March Elections	Equipment

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Friday, February 26, 2021	Friday, February 26, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day to post notice of township election & annual meeting, including bad weather alternate date – at least 10 days before election. Optional for *metro towns; mandatory for *non-metro towns that dispensed with published notices. Please note M.S. 2015.105, 205A.055 & 373.50 for postponement when 1 or more jurisdictions are holding elections in conjunction with one another. <i>M.S. 205.105; 205.16, subd. 1; 205A.055; 365.51, subd. 2; 373.50</i>	205.105; 205.16, subd. 1; 205A.055; 365.51, subd. 2; 373.50	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Friday, February 26, 2021	Friday, February 26, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day for a March town election judge to submit written notice of serving voluntarily without pay – no later than 10 days before the election. <i>M.S. 204B.31, subd. 2</i>	204B.31, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Friday, February 26, 2021	Friday, February 26, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Campaign finance reports due (If more than \$750 raised or spent and an initial report has been filed) - 10 days before the March Township election. <i>M.S. 211A.02, subd. 1</i>	211A.02, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Filing
Tuesday, March 2, 2021	Tuesday, March 2, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Final corrected master list available for Township elections - 7 days before election. <i>M.S. 201.091, subd. 2</i>	201.091, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Tuesday, March 2, 2021	Tuesday, March 2, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day for metro-town clerk to publish 2nd of 2 notices of election - 1 week before election. (Optional for non-metro towns) <i>M.S. 205.16, subd. 1</i>	205.16, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Notice

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Tuesday, March 2, 2021	Tuesday, March 9, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Period of time for agent delivery of absentee ballots <u>to</u> a voter who would have difficulty getting to the polls because of incapacitating health reasons, or who is disabled, or who is a patient of a health care facility, a resident of a facility providing assisted living services, a participant in a residential program for adults or a resident of a shelter for battered women. The agent must have a preexisting relationship with the voter - During the 7 days preceding an election and until 2:00 p.m. on Election Day. <i>M.S. 203B.11, subd. 4</i>	203B.11, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, March 5, 2021	Friday, March 5, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day to secure election materials from auditor – 4 days before election. <i>M.S. 204B.28, subd. 2</i>	204B.28, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Saturday, March 6, 2021	Saturday, March 6, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Clerk’s office open 10:00 a.m. to Noon for absentee voting. If County Auditor administers the absentee voting, the County Auditor's Office must remain open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for acceptance of absentee ballots – Saturday before election. <i>M.S. 203B.085</i>	203B.085	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Monday, March 8, 2021	Monday, March 8, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day to apply for absentee ballots. <i>M.S. 203B.04 (Exception in M.S. 203B.04, subd. 2 for voter who becomes a resident or patient in a health care facility or hospital located in the municipality the day before the election)</i>	203B.04	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot

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Monday, March 8, 2021	Monday, March 8, 2021	Town with March Elections: March Town Election absentee voting offices open until 5:00 p.m. on the day immediately preceding the election for acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots - until 5:00 p.m. the day preceding the election. <i>M.S. 203B.085</i>	203B.085	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Monday, March 8, 2021	Monday, March 8, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day to do public accuracy test of voting equipment of tabulator and/or assistive voting devices - within 14 days of election. Publish notice at least 2 days before test. <i>M.S.206.83</i>	206.83	Towns with March Elections	Equipment
Monday, March 8, 2021	Monday, March 8, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day for election judges to secure election supplies from town clerk – no later than 9:00 p.m. the day before the election. <i>M.S. 204B.29, subd. 1</i>	204B.29, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Tuesday, March 9, 2021	Tuesday, March 9, 2021	TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: Towns with March Elections: 2nd Tuesday in March. <i>M.S. 205.075, subd. 1.</i>	205.075, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Tuesday, March 9, 2021	Tuesday, March 9, 2021	TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: Towns with March Elections: School Districts cannot hold special election on the town election or annual meeting dates. SD special elections must be held on a uniform election date. <i>M.S. 205A.05, subd. 1a</i>	205A.05, subd. 1a	Towns with March Elections	Special Elections
Tuesday, March 9, 2021	Tuesday, March 9, 2021	TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: Towns with March Elections: No public meetings (when <i>an</i> election is being held within jurisdiction) or school events (when a <i>regularly</i> scheduled election is being held within jurisdiction) between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. <i>M.S. 204C.03</i>	204C.03	Towns with March Elections	Election Day

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Tuesday, March 9, 2021	Tuesday, March 9, 2021	TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: Towns with March Elections: Metro Area: Minimum voting hours 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (*Metro Area includes the following Counties: Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington & Wright). <i>M.S. 205.175</i>	205.175	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Tuesday, March 9, 2021	Tuesday, March 9, 2021	TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: Towns with March Elections: Non-Metro Area: Minimum voting hours 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (*Metro area includes the following Counties: Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington & Wright). <i>M.S. 205.175</i>	205.175	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Tuesday, March 9, 2021	Tuesday, March 9, 2021	TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: Towns with March Elections: Agent delivery of absentee ballots <u>to</u> a voter who would have difficulty getting to the polls because of incapacitating health reasons, or who is disabled, or who is a patient of a health care facility, a resident of a facility providing assisted living services, a participant in a residential program for adults or a resident of a shelter for battered women. The agent must have a preexisting relationship with the voter - During the 7 days preceding an election and until 2:00 p.m. on Election Day. <i>M.S. 203B.11, subd. 4</i>	203B.11, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Tuesday, March 9, 2021	Tuesday, March 9, 2021	TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: Towns with March Elections: Returned absentee ballots can be returned by the voter or agent, in person, until 3:00 p.m. If delivered by mail or a package delivery service, ballot must arrive by 8:00 p.m. <i>M.S. 203B.08, subds. 1 & 3</i>	203B.08, subds. 1 & 3	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Tuesday, March 9, 2021	Wednesday, March 10, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Township faxes or e-mails unofficial results to auditor.	Administrative	Towns with March Elections	After the Election

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Wednesday, March 10, 2021	Wednesday, March 10, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Election Judges must return election materials to Clerk's office – within 24 hours of the end of the hours for voting. <i>M.S. 204C.27</i>	204C.27	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Wednesday, March 10, 2021	Tuesday, April 20, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Counties post voter history from township election. Give history to late absentee & mail ballot (town clerks notify auditor of rcvd late absentee & mail ballots) - within 6 weeks after the election. <i>M.S. 201.171</i>	201.171	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Thursday, March 11, 2021	Thursday, March 11, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day for township board to canvass election results – within 2 days of election. <i>M.S. 205.185, subd. 3</i>	205.185, subd. 3	Towns with March Elections	After the Election
Thursday, March 11, 2021	Thursday, March 11, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Township sends official canvassed results to auditor	Administrative	Towns with March Elections	After the Election
Thursday, March 11, 2021	Thursday, March 11, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day to return township polling place rosters & completed voter registration cards to county auditor. A county auditor <i>MUST</i> receive these materials – within 48 hours after voting ends. <i>M.S. 204C.27</i>	204C.27	Towns with March Elections	After the Election
Tuesday, March 16, 2021	Tuesday, March 16, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day for all March town candidates to file <i>Campaign Financial Report Certification of Filing</i> . A town clerk who issues a certificate of election to a candidate who has not certified that all reports required have been filed is guilty of a misdemeanor – no later than 7 days after the election. <i>M.S. 211A.05, subd. 1</i>	211A.05, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Filing
Tuesday, March 16, 2021	Tuesday, March 16, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Bad weather alternate date for township election and annual town meeting – third Tuesday in March. <i>M.S. 365.51, subd. 1</i>	365.51, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Election Day

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Tuesday, March 16, 2021	Thursday, March 18, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day for candidate to request a recount or contest election – within 7 days after canvass is completed. <i>M.S. 204C.36, subd. 1(c); 209.021, subd. 1</i>	204C.36, subd. 1(c); 209.021, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	After the Election
Wednesday, March 17, 2021	Friday, March 19, 2021	Towns with March Elections: First day to issue certificates of elections – after the time for contesting elections has passed. <i>M.S. 205.185, subd. 3(b)</i> . (Clerk issues certificate of election to winning candidates if: 1) Candidate has submitted a <i>Campaign Financial Report Certification of Filing</i> form. <i>M.S. 211A.05, subd. 1</i> ; 2) The losing candidate has not requested a recount. <i>M.S. 204C.36; 205.185, subd. 3</i> ; 3) A notice of contest has not been filed. <i>M.S. 209.021, subd. 1; 205.185, subd. 1</i> .	205.185, subd. 3(b); 211A.05, subd. 1; 204C.36; 205.185, subd. 3; 209.021, subd. 1; 205.185, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	After the Election
Wednesday, March 17, 2021	Monday, March 29, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Newly elected town officers to file oath of office - within 10 days of receiving certificate of election. <i>M.S. 365.25, subd. 1</i>	365.25, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	After the Election
Thursday, April 1, 2021	Thursday, April 1, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day for Township to withdraw from participating in a combined polling place by filing a resolution of withdrawal with the county auditor - no later than April 1 of any year. <i>M.S. 204B.14, subd. 2</i>	204B.14, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Polling Place
Thursday, April 8, 2021	Thursday, April 8, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Campaign Finance Report due - 30 days after the March Township election (If initial report filed and final report not filed). <i>M.S. 211A.02, subd. 1</i>	211A.02, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Filing

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Tuesday, April 13, 2021	Tuesday, April 13, 2021	Towns with March Elections: April Uniform Special Election Date. One of five uniform special election dates specified in M.S. 205.10, subd. 3a and 205A.05, subd. 1a. A school district or county that falls within the boundaries of a town may hold a special primary or election on this date. Special elections are not considered "regularly scheduled" elections. <i>M.S. 205.10, subd. 3a; 205A.05, subd. 1a</i>	205.10, subd. 3a; 205A.05, subd. 1a	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Tuesday, April 20, 2021	Tuesday, May 18, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Time period to send notice of absentee rejection if the voter has not otherwise voted in the March 2021 elections - 6-10 weeks after election. <i>M.S. 203B.121, subd. 2(d)</i>	203B.121, subd. 2(d)	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, April 30, 2021	Friday, April 30, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day for OSS to supply example primary and general ballot to county auditors (no later than May 1). The county auditors shall distribute copies of the example ballot to municipal and school district clerks in municipalities and school districts holding elections that year. The official ballot must conform in all respects to the example ballot. <i>M.S. 204D.09, subd. 1</i>	204D.09, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Ballots
Friday, April 30, 2021	Friday, April 30, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Print registration counts by precinct and precinct split for ballot rotation programming - 8:00 a.m. on May 1 of the election year. <i>M.S. 206.61, subd. 5; M.R. 8220.0825, subp. 2</i>	206.61, subd. 5; 8220.0825, subp. 2	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Friday, April 30, 2021	Friday, April 30, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day to establish combined polling places for "certain" separate municipal precincts – no later than May 1 of any other year than the year before a presidential nomination primary. <i>M.S. 204B.14, subd 2 (b)</i>	204B.14, subd. 2 (b)	Towns with March Elections	Polling Place

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Friday, April 30, 2021	Friday, April 30, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day for municipalities to submit changes made to previously filed <i>electronic voting plans</i> and for counties to submit changes in previously filed <i>counting center plans</i> - prior to May 1 of general election year. <i>M.S. 206.82, subd. 2</i>	206.82, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Equipment
Tuesday, May 11, 2021	Tuesday, May 11, 2021	Towns with March Elections: May Uniform Special Election Date. One of five uniform special election dates specified in M.S. 205.10, subd. 3a and 205A.05, subd. 1a. A school district or county that falls within the boundaries of a town may hold a special primary or election on this date. Special elections are not considered "regularly scheduled" elections. <i>M.S. 205.10, subd. 3a; 205A.05, subd. 1a</i>	205.10, subd. 3a; 205A.05, subd. 1a	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Monday, May 17, 2021	Monday, May 17, 2021	Legislature: Last day for 2021 Legislature to meet in regular session - first Monday following the 3rd Saturday in May of any year. <i>Minnesota Constitution, Article IV, Section 12</i>	Minn. Const. Article IV, Section 12	Legislature	Legislature
Monday, May 31, 2021	Monday, May 31, 2021	Memorial Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Friday, June 25, 2021	Friday, November 12, 2021	Towns with March Elections: THIS STATUTE ONLY APPLIES TO EVEN YEARS. In odd years, if a town has a sign ordinance, it can be enforced all year. If a town doesn't have a sign ordinance, there is nothing to enforce in an odd year. Period of time when all noncommercial signs of any <i>size</i> may be posted in any <i>number</i> - beginning 46 days before the state primary in a state general election year (even years) until 10 days following the state general. <i>M.S. 211B.045</i>	211B.045	Towns with March Elections	Campaigns

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Saturday, June 26, 2021	Tuesday, August 10, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Municipality must not make a change to <i>number or name of a street address</i> of existing residence effective during the 45 days prior to any election which includes the affected residence (if a SD within town's boundary is having an odd-year August primary election). <i>M.S. 201.11, subd. 2</i>	201.11, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Monday, July 5, 2021	Monday, July 5, 2021	Independence Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Tuesday, July 20, 2021	Tuesday, July 20, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Voter pre-registration closes at 5:00 p.m. for any odd-year August primary elections - 21 days before the primary. <i>M.S. 201.061, subd. 1</i>	201.061, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Friday, July 30, 2021	Friday, July 30, 2021	Towns with March Elections: OSS shall prepare and publish a volume containing all state general laws relating to elections. The AG shall provide annotations to the OSS for this volume. A paper copy is furnished to each county auditor and municipal clerk. <i>M.S. 204B.27, subd. 2</i>	204B.27, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Tuesday, August 10, 2021	Tuesday, August 10, 2021	ODD-YEAR AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: Towns with March Elections. The second Tuesday in August. <i>M.S. 205.065, subd. 1; 205A.03, subd. 2</i>	205.065, subd. 1; 205A.03, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Election Day

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Tuesday, August 10, 2021	Tuesday, August 10, 2021	ODD-YEAR AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: Towns with March Elections: Between 6:00-8:00 p.m. No special taxing district, governing body, school board, county board of commissioners, city council or town board shall conduct a meeting IF AN ODD-YEAR AUGUST PRIMARY IS BEING HELD WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES. Except for regularly scheduled classes, no MN state college or university shall schedule an event. Except for regularly scheduled classes, a public elementary or secondary school may not schedule a school sponsored event - between 6-8 p.m. if an odd-year primary election exists within boundaries. <i>M.S. 204C.03</i>	204C.03	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Monday, September 6, 2021	Monday, September 6, 2021	Labor Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Saturday, September 18, 2021	Tuesday, November 2, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Municipality must not make a change to <i>number or name of a street address</i> of existing residence effective during the 45 days prior to any election which includes the affected residence. If a SD is having an odd-year general election within town's boundaries. <i>M.S. 201.11, subd. 2</i>	201.11, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Monday, October 11, 2021	Monday, October 11, 2021	Columbus Day Holiday: Political subdivisions have the option of determining whether Columbus Day shall be a holiday on which no business shall be transacted. Where it is determined that Columbus Day is not a holiday, public business may be conducted. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday

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Tuesday, October 12, 2021	Tuesday, October 12, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day to pre-register for November Odd-Year General Election - Closes at 5:00 p.m. 21 days before election. <i>M.S. 201.061</i>	201.061	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Tuesday, November 2, 2021	Tuesday, November 2, 2021	ODD-YEAR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION DAY: Towns with March Elections. First Tuesday after the first Monday in November. <i>M.S. 205.07, subd. 1; 205A.04, subd. 1</i>	205.07, subd. 1; 205A.04, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Tuesday, November 2, 2021	Tuesday, November 2, 2021	ODD-YEAR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION DAY: Towns with March Elections: Between 6:00-8:00 p.m. No special taxing district, governing body, school board, county board of commissioners, city council or town board shall conduct a meeting if an odd-year general election is being held within its boundaries. Except for regularly scheduled classes, no MN state college or university shall schedule an event. Except for regularly scheduled classes, a public elementary or secondary school may not schedule a school sponsored event - between 6-8 p.m. on odd-year November general election day if an election is being held within boundaries. <i>M.S. 204C.03</i>	204C.03	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Thursday, November 11, 2021	Thursday, November 11, 2021	Veterans Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Thursday, November 25, 2021	Thursday, November 25, 2021	Thanksgiving Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Friday, November 26, 2021	Friday, November 26, 2021	Day After Thanksgiving Holiday: Political subdivisions have the option of determining whether Friday after Thanksgiving day shall be a holiday. Where it is determined that day after Thanksgiving is not a holiday, public business may be conducted. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday

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Monday, November 29, 2021	Monday, November 29, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day to designate location for absentee voting for March Election – 14 weeks prior to election. <i>M.S. 203B.081</i>	203B.081	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Monday, December 6, 2021	Monday, December 6, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day for townships to change polling place location prior to March Election except in a case when a polling place is not available – 90 days prior to election. <i>M.S. 204B.16, subd. 3</i>	204B.16; subd. 3	Towns with March Elections	Polling Place
Monday, December 13, 2021	Monday, December 13, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day for County Auditor to meet or otherwise communicate with March township officials to review election procedures for 2022 March Township Elections - at least 12 weeks before the March town general election. <i>M.S. 204B.28, subd. 1</i>	204B.28, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Tuesday, December 14, 2021	Tuesday, December 14, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day to <u>publish</u> notice of Town offices to be elected at March election. Notice to include first and last dates to file for town office. The town clerk's office must be open for filing from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the filing period – at least two weeks before the first day to file Affidavit of Candidacy. <i>M.S. 205.13, subd. 2</i>	205.13, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Friday, December 17, 2021	Friday, December 17, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day for town clerk to <u>post</u> notice of filing period for March Election – including the closing time of 5:00 p.m. The muni clerk's office must be open for filing from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the last day of filing (subd. 1a) - at least 10 days before first day to file affidavits. <i>M.S. 205.13, subd. 2</i>	205.13, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Notice

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Thursday, December 23, 2021	Thursday, December 23, 2021	Towns with March Elections: (The 24th is a holiday, so, the last day is the 23rd) Last day for township to provide written notice of election to auditor – at least 74 days before election. <i>M.S. 205.16, subd. 4</i>	205.16, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Thursday, December 23, 2021	Thursday, December 23, 2021	Towns with March Elections: (The 24th is a holiday, so, the last day is the 23rd) Last day for <u>Auditor</u> to notify the Secretary of State of March Township Elections – at least 74 days before election. <i>M.S. 205.16, subd. 5</i>	205.16, subd.5	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Friday, December 24, 2021	Friday, December 24, 2021	Christmas Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Tuesday, December 28, 2021	Tuesday, December 28, 2021	Towns with March Elections: PRECINCT BOUNDARY LINE CHANGES CANNOT BE MADE UNTIL REDISTRICTING IS COMPLETE IN A YEAR ENDING IN 1 OR 2 (subd. 3). In other years.... Last day to change precinct boundary prior to March Township Election - at least 10 weeks before the date of the next election. <i>M.S. 204B.14, subds. 3 & 4</i>	204B.14, subds. 3 & 4	Towns with March Elections	Boundaries
Tuesday, December 28, 2021	Tuesday, December 28, 2021	Towns with March Elections: Last day to provide notice of election and the special mail procedure - at least 10 weeks prior to the election. <i>M.S. 204B.45, subd. 2; M.R. 8210.3000, subp. 3</i>	204B.45, subd. 2; 8210.3000, subp. 3	Towns with March Elections	Mail Elections
Tuesday, December 28, 2021	Tuesday, January 11, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Time period for Town March Elections candidate filings. Filing offices must be open for filing from 1:00-5:00 p.m. on the last day of filing. Filing offices will be closed on New Year's Day Holiday - 70-56 days before the election. <i>M.S. 205.13, subd. 1a</i>	205.13, subd. 1a	Towns with March Elections	Filing

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Tuesday, December 28, 2021	Thursday, April 7, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Filing officers who receive financial reports must post them on their public websites (if one is maintained) within 30 days of receipt of report. They are kept on website for 4 years. Provide link to webpage to CFPDB. Does not apply to cities or towns with fewer than 400 registered voters as of January 1 of the year of the election. <i>M.S. 211A.02, subd. 6</i>	211A.02, subd. 6	Towns with March Elections	Filing
Friday, December 31, 2021	Friday, December 31, 2021	New Year's Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Friday, January 7, 2022	Friday, January 7, 2022	Towns with March Elections: OSS must send Example Ballots to township clerks in towns with March elections (usually sent in December) - 30 days before absentee ballots must be made available. <i>M.S. 205.17, subd. 7</i>	205.17, subd. 7	Towns with March Elections	Ballots
Friday, January 7, 2022	Friday, January 7, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Last day for towns with March elections to disseminate information to the public about the use of a new voting system – at least 60 days prior to the election. <i>M.S. 206.58, subd. 1</i>	206.58, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Equipment
Friday, January 7, 2022	Friday, January 7, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Last day to send an absentee ballot application to each person on the list of voters who have applied to automatically rcvd an absentee ballot application for the March township elections - at least 60 days before the election. <i>M.R. 8210.0200; subp. 4</i>	8210.0200, subp. 4	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Tuesday, January 11, 2022	Tuesday, January 11, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Town March Elections candidates filing period closes. <i>Clerk's office must be open until 5:00 p.m.</i> - 56 days before election. <i>M.S. 205.13, subd. 1a</i>	205.13, subd. 1a	Towns with March Elections	Filing

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Thursday, January 13, 2022	Thursday, January 13, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Candidates may withdraw until 5:00 p.m. - 2 days after filing period closes. <i>M.S. 205.13, subd. 6</i>	205.13, subd. 6	Towns with March Elections	Filing
Monday, January 17, 2022	Monday, January 17, 2022	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Friday, January 21, 2022	Friday, January 21, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Master list of registered voters available to absentee ballot administrators for March Township Election absentee ballot voting - 46 days before each election. <i>M.S. 201.091, subd. 2</i>	201.091, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, January 21, 2022	Tuesday, February 22, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Mail ballot precincts/mail elections ballots shall be mailed by nonforwardable mail to all registered voters. If a mail ballot envelope is rejected at least 5 days before the election, the ballot in the envelope must be considered spoiled and the auditor or clerk shall provide the voter with a replacement ballot - Not more than 46 days nor later than 14 days before a regularly scheduled election [March township election's ballots might not be available until 30 days before]. <i>M.S. 204B.45, subd. 2</i>	204B.45, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Mail Elections
Friday, January 21, 2022	Monday, March 7, 2022	Towns with March Elections: The county auditor is to transmit UOCAVA ballots for town residents with UOCAVA applications on file for that calendar year. Town clerk to provide ballots to auditor's office for transmission - at least 46 days before the election. <i>M.S. 203B.22</i>	203B.22	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot

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Friday, January 21, 2022	Tuesday, March 8, 2022	Towns with March Elections: An <i>agent</i> returning another's Absentee Ballot must show ID with name and signature. Absentee Ballot administrator records agent's name/address, voter's name/address and has agent sign the log. <i>M.S. 203B.08, subd. 1; M.R. 8210.2200, subp. 3</i>	203B.08, subd. 1; 8210.2200, subp. 3	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, January 21, 2022	Tuesday, March 8, 2022	Towns with March Elections: All Absentee Ballot administrators date, stamp or initial and record Absentee Ballot return envelopes (mark as received in SVRS) and place in secure location for ballot board review. <i>M.S. 203B.08, subd. 3; M.R. 8210.2300</i>	203B.08, subd. 3; 8210.2300	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, January 21, 2022	Tuesday, March 8, 2022	Towns with March Elections: The County Auditor must establish UOCAVA absentee ballot board for March Township Elections to examine all returned UOCAVA absentee ballot envelopes and accept or reject the absentee ballots. If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must be considered spoiled and the official in charge of the absentee ballot board must provide the voter with a replacement absentee ballot and return envelope - during the 45 days before the election the board must immediately examine the return envelopes. <i>M.S. 203B.23</i>	203B.23	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Saturday, January 22, 2022	Tuesday, March 8, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Municipality must not make a change to <i>number or name of a street address</i> of existing residence effective during the 45 days prior to any election (March Town Elections) which includes the affected residence. <i>M.S. 201.11, subd. 2</i>	201.11, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration

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Monday, January 31, 2022	Monday, January 31, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Annual campaign financial reports due - January 31st of each year. <i>M.S. 211A.02, subd. 1</i>	211A.02, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Filing
Tuesday, February 1, 2022	Tuesday, February 1, 2022	Towns with March Elections: PRECINCT CAUCUSES. This date is statutorily provided for precinct caucuses for the Major Political Parties (2022 major parties are Legal Marijuana Now, Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis, Democratic-Farmer-Labor and Republican) - at 7:00 p.m. on a date chosen by the parties before March 1st of the previous odd-numbered year (major political parties control the proceedings of their caucus-- all questions regarding process are directed to the parties themselves). If no other date is chosen, it is the first Tuesday in February of an even year. <i>M.S. 202A.14, subd. 1</i>	202A.14, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Caucus
Tuesday, February 1, 2022	Tuesday, February 1, 2022	Towns with March Elections: PRECINCT CAUCUSES. No special taxing district governing body, school board, county board of commissioners, town board or city council may conduct a public meeting or elementary or secondary school sponsored events can happen after 6:00 p.m. - on the day of major political party precinct caucus meetings. <i>M.S. 202A.19, subds. 1 & 5</i>	202A.19, subds. 1 & 5	Towns with March Elections	Caucus
Friday, February 4, 2022	Friday, February 4, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Absentee ballots ready for March Township Elections - at least 30 days before March township elections. <i>M.S. 204B.35, subd. 4</i>	204B.35, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot

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Friday, February 4, 2022	Tuesday, March 8, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Must appoint a ballot board to examine the mail and absentee ballot return envelopes and mark them "accepted" or "rejected" within 3 days of receipt if there are 14 or fewer days before election day, or within 5 days of receipt if there are more than 14 days before election day. <i>M.S. 204B.45, subd. 2</i>	204B.45, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Sunday, February 6, 2022	Thursday, April 7, 2022	Towns with March Elections: A school district special election for a question may not be held during the 30 days before and the 30 days after or on the date of a regularly scheduled town election in March conducted wholly or partially within the school district. <i>M.S. 205A.05, subd. 1(b)(2)&(3)</i>	205A.05, subd. 1(b)(2) & (3)	Towns with March Elections	Special Elections
Tuesday, February 8, 2022	Tuesday, February 8, 2022	Towns with March Elections: February Uniform Special Election Date. One of five uniform special election dates specified in M.S. 205.10, subd. 3a and 205A.05, subd. 1a. A school district or county that falls within the boundaries of a town may hold a special primary or election on this date. Special elections are not considered "regularly scheduled" elections. <i>M.S. 205.10, subd. 3a; 205A.05, subd. 1a</i>	205.10, subd. 3a; 205A.05, subd. 1a	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Friday, February 11, 2022	Friday, February 11, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Last day to appoint election judges for March Township elections - at least 25 days before election. <i>M.S. 204B.21, subd. 2</i>	204B.21, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Friday, February 11, 2022	Friday, February 11, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Last day to notify affected voters of a poll place change for March Township Elections - at least 25 days before election. <i>M.S. 204B.16, subd. 1a</i>	204B.16, subd. 1a	Towns with March Elections	Polling Place

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Monday, February 14, 2022	Monday, February 14, 2022	Towns with March Elections: A change in the boundary of an election precinct that has occurred as a result of a muni boundary adjustment made under chapter 414 that is effective more than 21 days before the 2022 March Township elections takes effect at that election - more than 21 days before the election. <i>M.S. 204B.14, subd. 4a</i>	204B.14, subd. 4a	Towns with March Elections	Boundaries
Tuesday, February 15, 2022	Tuesday, February 15, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Last day to pre-register for March Town Election – closes at 5:00 p.m. 21 days before election. <i>M.S. 201.061, subd. 1</i>	201.061, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Wednesday, February 16, 2022	Wednesday, February 16, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Last day for an operator of a residential facility to provide a certified list of employees eligible to vouch for residents of the facility - no less than 20 days before the election. <i>M.S. 201.061, subd. 3</i>	201.061, subd. 3	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Wednesday, February 16, 2022	Friday, March 4, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Counties produce polling place rosters for March elections <u>after</u> completing all registration-related tasks. <u>VRAs received by OSS</u> by 5:00 p.m. on the 21st day before will be forwarded to appropriate counties as soon as possible. Also, all <u>on-line</u> voter registrations received up until 11:59 p.m. on the 21st day must be processed. Counties might not receive these queued records until a couple days later (security checks). <i>M.S. 204B.28, subd. 2; 204C.10; M.R. 8200.9115</i>	204B.28, subd. 2; 204C.10; 8200.9115	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Wednesday, February 16, 2022	Monday, March 7, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Period of time for Health Care Facility (outreach) voting for March Township Elections. <i>M.S. 203B.11, subd. 2</i>	203B.11, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot

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Monday, February 21, 2022	Monday, February 21, 2022	Presidents' Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Tuesday, February 22, 2022	Tuesday, February 22, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Last day to publish 1st of 2 notices of election – 2 weeks' published notice. (Optional for *non-metro towns) <i>M.S. 205.16, subd. 1</i>	205.16, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Tuesday, February 22, 2022	Tuesday, February 22, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Last day to <i>publish</i> sample ballot for Township Election – 2 weeks before election. (Optional for *non-metro towns) <i>M.S. 205.16, subd. 2</i>	205.16, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Tuesday, February 22, 2022	Tuesday, February 22, 2022	Towns with March Elections: At least 2 weeks before the election a sample ballot shall be prepared and <i>made available for public</i> inspection in the clerk's office and post sample ballot in each polling place on election day. <i>M.S. 205.16, subd. 3</i>	205.16, subd. 3	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Tuesday, February 22, 2022	Tuesday, February 22, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Last day to send either the first or subsequent mail ballots to registered voters for the March Township Elections - no later than 14 days before the election. <i>M.S. 204B.45, subd. 2</i>	204B.45, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Mail Elections
Tuesday, February 22, 2022	Monday, March 7, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Period of time to do public accuracy test of voting equipment including assistive voting devices – within 14 days of election. Publish notice at least two days before test. <i>M.S. 206.83</i>	206.83	Towns with March Elections	Equipment
Friday, February 25, 2022	Friday, February 25, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Last day to <i>post</i> notice of township election, including bad weather alternate date – at least 10 days before election. Optional for *metro towns; mandatory for *non-metro towns that dispensed with published notices. <i>M.S. 205.16, subd. 1</i>	205.16, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Notice

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Friday, February 25, 2022	Friday, February 25, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Campaign finance reports due (If more than \$750 raised or spent and an initial report has been filed) - 10 days before the March Township election. <i>M.S. 211A.02, subd. 1</i>	211A.02, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Filing
Friday, February 25, 2022	Friday, February 25, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Last day for an election judge to submit written notice of serving voluntarily without pay - no later than 10 days before the election. <i>M.S. 204B.31, subd. 2</i>	204B.31, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Tuesday, March 1, 2022	Tuesday, March 1, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Last day for metro-town clerk to publish 2nd of 2 notices of election - 1 week before election. (Optional for non-metro towns) <i>M.S. 205.16, subd. 1</i>	205.16, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Tuesday, March 1, 2022	Tuesday, March 1, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Final corrected master list available for Township Elections – 7 days before Election. <i>M.S. 201.091, subd. 2</i>	201.091, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Tuesday, March 1, 2022	Tuesday, March 8, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Period of time for agent delivery of absentee ballots <u>to</u> a voter who would have difficulty getting to the polls because of incapacitating health reasons, or who is disabled, or who is a patient of a health reasons, a resident of a facility providing assisted living services, a participant in a residential program for adults or a resident of a shelter for battered women. The agent must have a preexisting relationship with the voter - During the 7 days preceding an election and until 2:00 p.m. on Election Day. <i>M.S. 203B.11, subd. 4</i>	203B.11, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, March 4, 2022	Friday, March 4, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Last day for clerk to secure election materials from auditor - 4 days before election. <i>M.S. 204B.28, subd. 2</i>	204B.28, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Election Day

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Saturday, March 5, 2022	Saturday, March 5, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Absentee voting for town elections made available the Saturday before election from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. <i>if the auditor is conducting absentee voting. Available 10 a.m. to Noon if the town clerk is providing for AB voting on this Saturday. M.S. 203B.085</i>	203B.085	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Monday, March 7, 2022	Monday, March 7, 2022	Towns with March Elections: If auditor is conducting absentee voting for March township elections, office must be open until 5:00 p.m. <i>M.S. 203B.085</i>	203B.085	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Monday, March 7, 2022	Monday, March 7, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Last day for election judges to secure election supplies from town clerk - not later than 9:00 p.m. the day before the election. <i>M.S. 204B.29, subd. 1</i>	204B.29, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Monday, March 7, 2022	Monday, March 7, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Last day to do public accuracy test of voting equipment of tabulator and/or assistive voting devices - within 14 days of election. Publish notice at least 2 days before test. <i>M.S.206.83</i>	206.83	Towns with March Elections	Equipment
Tuesday, March 8, 2022	Tuesday, March 8, 2022	TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: Towns with March Elections: - 2nd Tuesday in March. <i>M.S. 205.075, subd. 1.</i>	205.075, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Tuesday, March 8, 2022	Tuesday, March 8, 2022	TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: Towns with March Elections: School Districts cannot hold special election on the town election or annual meeting dates. SD special elections must be held on a uniform election date. <i>M.S. 205A.05, subd. 1a</i>	205A.05, subd. 1a	Towns with March Elections	Special Elections
Tuesday, March 8, 2022	Tuesday, March 8, 2022	TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: Towns with March Elections: No public meetings (when <i>an</i> election is being held within jurisdiction) or school events (when a <i>regularly</i> scheduled election is being held within jurisdiction) between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. <i>M.S. 204C.03</i>	204C.03	Towns with March Elections	Election Day

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Tuesday, March 8, 2022	Tuesday, March 8, 2022	TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: Towns with March Elections: Metro Area: Minimum voting hours 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (*Metro Area includes the following Counties: Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington & Wright). <i>M.S. 205.175</i>	205.175	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Tuesday, March 8, 2022	Tuesday, March 8, 2022	TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: Towns with March Elections: Non-Metro Area: Minimum voting hours 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (*Metro area includes the following Counties: Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington & Wright). <i>M.S. 205.175</i>	205.175	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Tuesday, March 8, 2022	Tuesday, March 8, 2022	TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: Towns with March Elections: Agent delivery of absentee ballots <u>to</u> a voter who would have difficulty getting to the polls because of incapacitating health reasons, or who is disabled, or who is a patient of a health care facility, a resident of a facility providing assisted living services, a participant in a residential program for adults or a resident of a shelter for battered women. The agent must have a preexisting relationship with the voter - During the 7 days preceding an election and until 2:00 p.m. on Election Day. <i>M.S. 203B.11, subd. 4</i>	203B.11, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Tuesday, March 8, 2022	Tuesday, March 8, 2022	TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: Towns with March Elections: Returned absentee ballots can be returned by the voter or agent, in person, until 3:00 p.m. If delivered by mail or a package delivery service, ballot must arrive by 8:00 p.m. <i>M.S. 203B.08, subds. 1 & 3</i>	203B.08, subds. 1 & 3	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Tuesday, March 8, 2022	Wednesday, March 9, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Township faxes or e-mails unofficial results to auditor.	Administrative	Towns with March Elections	After the Election

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Wednesday, March 9, 2022	Wednesday, March 9, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Election Judges must return election materials to Clerk's office – within 24 hours of the end of the hours for voting. <i>M.S. 204C.27</i>	204C.27	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Wednesday, March 9, 2022	Tuesday, April 19, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Counties post voter history from township election. Give history to late absentee & mail ballot (town clerks notify auditor of rcvd late absentee & mail ballots) - within 6 weeks after the election. <i>M.S. 201.171</i>	201.171	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Thursday, March 10, 2022	Thursday, March 10, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Last day for township board to canvass election results – within 2 days of election. <i>M.S. 205.185, subd. 3</i>	205.185, subd. 3	Towns with March Elections	After the Election
Thursday, March 10, 2022	Thursday, March 10, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Township sends official canvassed results to auditor	Administrative	Towns with March Elections	After the Election
Thursday, March 10, 2022	Thursday, March 10, 2022	Towns with March Elections: Last day to return township polling place rosters & completed voter registration cards to county auditor. A county auditor <i>MUST</i> receive these materials – within 48 hours after voting ends. <i>M.S. 204C.27</i>	204C.27	Towns with March Elections	After the Election