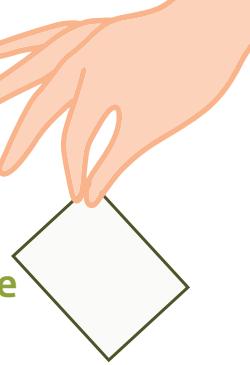# Voting: How does it work?

## It is easier than you think.

Here you can read step by step how it works.

**1** **You will receive a voting pass at home**
- The municipality will send you a voting pass by mail.
- Keep it safe.
- Without your voting pass, you cannot vote.

**2** **Go to the polling station**
- On Wednesday 18 March 2026, take your voting pass a polling station.
- Also bring your passport, identity card or driving licence.
- These documents may be expired, as long as they expired no more than 5 years ago.

**3** **Hand in your voting pass**
- At the polling station, you hand in your voting pass.
- The polling station staff will check your voting pass and your ID.

**4** **You will receive a ballot paper**
- The ballot paper lists all political parties and candidates.
- Take the ballot paper with you into the voting booth.
- You vote alone. No one is allowed to watch.

**5** **Colour one box red**
- Find the person you want to vote for.
- Colour the box in front of their name red using the pencil provided.

**6** **Put the ballot paper in the ballot box**
- Fold the ballot paper and put it in the ballot box.
- You have voted!

## Authorising someone else to vote on your behalf

Are you unable to vote yourself? For example, because you are ill or on holiday? You may ask someone else to vote for you. This is called granting a proxy. You can find more information on this website:

## Polling stations in Wassenaar

There are several polling stations in Wassenaar. You can choose which polling station in the municipality you will vote at.

### Polling stations

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| Raadhuis De Paauw | Raadhuislaan 22 |
| Bloemcampschool | Bloemcamplaan 52 |
| Van Ommerenpark | Van Ommerenpark 200 |
| Buurtvereniging Kerkehout | Charlottestraat 5 |
| Van Heeckerenhuis Van | Heeckerenstraat 2 |
| Bibliotheek Langstraat | Langstraat 40 |
| Deijlerhuis | Hofcampweg 3 |
| Bellesteijn | Prof. Molenaarlaan 111 |
| Gemeentekantoor | Johan de Wittstraat 45 |
| Sophiekehuis | V. Zuylen v Nijeveltstraat 313 |
| Buurtvereniging Oostdorp | Dr. Mansveltkade 9 |
| Kinderboerderij Wassenaar | Rodenburglaan 80 |
| Kievietschool | Buurtweg 16 (entrance Oranjelaan) |
| Duinstede | Deijlerweg 208 |

## Need help voting?

Do you have difficulty reading or seeing?
Or do you find voting daunting?

**Feel free to ask the polling station staff for help.**
They are there to assist you.

**Every vote counts. Yours too.**

**Gemeente Wassenaar**

# Municipal Council Elections
### Wednesday 18 March 2026

# Your vote counts!

# Municipal Council Elections 2026

On this day, you will elect the members of the Wassenaar Municipal Council.

With your vote, you help decide on issues that affect your neighbourhood and your municipality.

## When are you allowed to vote?

- You are **18 years of age or older**
- You **live in the municipality** of Wassenaar
- You are registered in the **Personal Records Database (BRP)**
- You have **Dutch nationality**, or
- You do not have Dutch nationality, but you **legally reside in the Netherlands** and have lived in the Netherlands **for at least five consecutive years**

This means that many residents without a Dutch passport are also allowed to vote in the municipal council elections.

**18+**

# What does the municipal council do?

The municipal council plays an important role in governing Wassenaar. As elected representatives of the residents of Wassenaar, council members make decisions on matters that affect daily life in our municipality. These are some of the council's key responsibilities:

**Policy and legislation:** The municipal council determines the policy for the future of Wassenaar. They make decisions on topics such as housing, traffic, education and public safety. This is done by adopting municipal regulations and plans.

**Finances:** The municipal council decides how the municipal budget is spent. This means they determine which projects receive priority and how much funding goes to services such as healthcare, road maintenance, and facilities for young people and the elderly.

**Supervision:** The municipal council appoints the alderpersons and supervises the work of the Municipal Executive (the Mayor and Aldermen). This means they ensure that decisions are properly implemented and that the municipality is well governed.

**Serving the community:** The municipal council listens to the wishes and concerns of residents and ensures that these are taken into account in policy decisions. This may include organising public consultation meetings or responding to questions from residents.

If you live in Wassenaar, you also have influence over the decisions made by the municipal council.
By voting, you decide who will represent you and what direction our municipality will take!

**By voting, you determine who will serve on the city council and the direction our municipality will take!**

# Help with choosing

## How to make your choice

- Not sure yet who to vote for?
- You are not alone. These tips may help.

## Look at what political parties stand for

- Political parties have plans for Wassenaar.
- These plans may address topics such as housing, healthcare, traffic and green spaces.
- You can find these plans on the website of the Municipality of Wassenaar:
- www.wassenaar.nl/gemeenteraadsverkiezingen-2026
- Sometimes parties distribute leaflets or organise local meetings in the neighbourhood.
- You can ask questions there.

## Follow the news

- You can get information through newspapers, radio, television or the internet.
- For example, by attending a debate or reading an interview.

## Talk about it with others

- Talk with family, friends or neighbours.
- Ask who they are voting for and why.
- Listen carefully, but also think about what matters most to you.
- Your choice is always your own.

## Use a voting guide

- A voting guide can help you get started.
- You answer a number of questions about local issues.
- Afterwards, you will see which parties best match your views.
- The voting guide for Wassenaar is the StemWijzer by ProDemos.