

Requesting an Absentee Voter Ballot from Your City or Township Clerk

Absentee voter ballots are available for all elections. They provide voters with a convenient method for casting a ballot when they are unable to attend the polls on Election Day.

As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee voter ballot from your city or township clerk if you are:

- At least 60 years of age or older
- Unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- Expecting to be out of town on Election Day
- In jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- Unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- Appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence

Your request for an absentee voter ballot must be in writing and must be submitted to your city or township clerk. Please visit www.Michigan.gov/vote for assistance in obtaining the address of your city or township clerk. Your request must include one of the 6 statutory reasons stated above and your signature. You can request an absentee voter ballot by mailing a letter or a postal card, or by mailing the [online application](#) to your city or township clerk. You can also obtain a pre-printed application form at your city or township clerk's office. A request to have an absentee voter ballot mailed to you must be received by your city or township clerk no later than 2 p.m. the Saturday before the election.

You must be a registered voter to receive an absentee ballot. A person who registers to vote by mail must vote in person in the first election in which he or she participates. This restriction does not apply to overseas voters, voters who are handicapped, or voters who are 60 years of age or older. An absentee voter ballot may be mailed to you at your home address or any address outside of your city or township of residence.

After receiving your absentee voter ballot, you have until 8 p.m. on Election Day to complete the ballot and return it to your city or township clerk's office. Your ballot will not be counted unless your signature is on the return envelope and matches your signature on file. If you received assistance voting the ballot, then the signature of the person who helped you must also be on the return envelope. Only you, a family member or person residing in your household, a mail carrier, or election official is authorized to deliver your absentee voter ballot to your city or township clerk's office.