



HOW TO VOTE IN VERMONT

A Quick Guide for People with Disabilities Voting in the 2022 General Election on or Before November 8, 2022.



REGISTERING TO VOTE

- **How can I register to vote?** You can register:
 - If you have already registered, you can check if you are registered to vote at vote411.org.
 - Online at Vermont's [Online Voter Registration Website](#).
 - By downloading and mailing the Vermont [mail in registration form](#).
- **When do I need to register?** There is no deadline to register to vote in Vermont. You can register to vote up to and including Election Day on November 8, 2022.
- **Do I need identification (ID) to register?** You will need to have a Vermont address and Vermont state ID card or driver's license. You can use your social security number if you don't have a state ID.
- **Can I vote if I have a disability?** Yes! People with disabilities who are 18 years old or older have the right to vote. Your vote matters and is protected by laws to make sure voting is accessible, independent, and private. If you have a guardian, you can still vote. For help understanding or getting back your right to vote, contact your local [Protection and Advocacy Agency \(P&A\)](#).

- **Can I vote if I have gone to jail or prison?** If you have gone to jail or prison, you should check to see if you are allowed to vote. Learn about voting rights for people who have [gone to jail or prison](#). You can also [contact your local P&A](#).



LEARNING ABOUT THE ISSUES

- **What is a ballot?** A ballot is a list of who and what you can vote for. Your ballot will list candidates who are running for different offices, such as Senator or Representative. You vote by marking your choice on the ballot.
- **What is a ballot measure?** Sometimes, your ballot will have ballot measures. A ballot measure is a law, issue, or question that you can vote on. Voters get to decide if they agree or disagree with the ballot measure by voting yes to agree or no to disagree. You can learn about ballot measures on the Vermont [election website](#).
- **Can I look at my ballot before I go to vote?** Enter your home address in [Ballotpedia's Sample Ballot Lookup](#). This tool will give you a "sample ballot," which will show you what will be on your ballot when you vote.



VOTING IN PERSON

- **Where do I need to go to vote?** Most voters in Vermont vote by mail. Learn about voting by mail below. If you need help voting, or you want to vote in person, you can go to a polling place. You can find your local polling place through the Vermont election website. [Find your polling place](#).
- **Can I vote before Election Day?** Vermont allows any voter to vote in person before Election Day at the local elections office. This happens during a period called the "In-Person Absentee Voting period." You can vote between September 24, 2022 and November 7, 2022 and avoid lines on Election Day! [What is In-Person Absentee Voting?](#)

- **Can I vote outside if the polling place is inaccessible?** Yes, Vermont does allow voters to vote outside the polling place if it is inaccessible. This is called curbside voting.
- **What if I want help with filling out my ballot?** You may choose someone to help you vote. Your helper cannot be a candidate or your boss. If you are part of a labor union at work, the person who helps you vote cannot be a representative of that labor union. [What is a labor union?](#) You may also ask for help from poll workers at the polling place.
- **Do I need an ID?** Vermont does not require voters to show ID to vote in person. Only first-time voters must show ID to vote. [Learn about voter ID.](#)



VOTING BY MAIL

- **Can I vote by mail?** Any voter in Vermont can vote by mail. This is called an absentee voting or voting early by mail. [What is absentee voting?](#)
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You must request an early or absentee ballot by phone, fax, email, mail, or in person. [Request your ballot.](#)
- **Can I get an electronic early or absentee ballot?** Vermont allows voters with disabilities to request an electronic, email, or fax ballot. Email ballots can be filled out electronically, printed, and returned. Electronic ballots can be filled out and returned electronically. [Request electronic ballot.](#)
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** The last day to request your ballot is November 7, 2022. Request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that you receive your ballot on time.
- **Do I need to sign my ballot?** Be sure to sign your ballot or envelope when asked.
- **What if I want help with filling out my ballot?** You should be allowed to choose someone to help you with filling out your ballot. Someone

helping you may need to complete a statement to be returned with the paper ballot. You can also have two justices of the peace deliver the ballot and then bring it back. A justice of the peace is someone who was elected by the town's voters to do official tasks for the town such as helping with elections and counting the ballots that are voted in the election. A voter may ask one of the justices to mark the ballot for them, while the other watches.

- **How do I return my ballot?** You can return your ballot by mail or in person. You must return your ballot to the town clerk's office before close of business on November 7, 2022, or take it to the polling place on Election Day, November 8, 2022, before 7 p.m.
- **Can someone return my ballot for me?** Yes, you may choose to have someone return your ballot for you.
- **Do I need an ID to vote by mail?** No, you do not need an ID when voting an absentee or early ballot by mail unless you are voting for the first time in a federal election in Vermont.
- **Can I track my ballot?** Yes, you can track your ballot online to see if the elections office has received it. You can do this on the Vermont election website. [Track your ballot.](#)



MORE VOTING HELP

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** Check out the Vermont [state election website](#). Learn about [voting assistance for voters with disabilities](#).
- **What if I am having trouble voting or registering to vote?** If you have any trouble voting, [contact your local P&A](#). The hotline number for voters with disabilities is 1-800-834-7890.
- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:
 - [Guardianship and Voting Laws](#)

- [Resources for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Voters](#)
- [Resources for Blind and Low Vision Voters](#)
- [Easy Read and Plain Language Voting Resources](#)
- [ASL Hotline](#): 301-818-VOTE (301-818-8683)
- [Election Protection Hotline](#): 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)



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