

You're Done!

As you head for the exit, congratulate yourself for doing your part to help keep democracy strong in America. And remember: Democracy is not a spectator sport. Thank you for voting!



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**WHAT TO
EXPECT
at the
POLLS
on
ELECTION
DAY**

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All polling places in Connecticut have to adhere to certain guidelines, and most have similar layouts.

Optional: Before You Check In, You Can Double-Check

Right inside the entry door of your polling place, there will be several posters with helpful information. One lists your rights as a voter and another lists the kinds of ID you'll need to show at check-in. There will be an enlarged sample of the ballot, with the names of all the elected offices and the candidates running for them. Feel free to stop and read.

There may be a “demonstrator’s” table with a person you can ask any questions you may have before you check in.

Step 1: Check In

At the main table inside the doors, there will be one or two “checkers” with a list of names of registered voters. You'll be asked to give them your information, preferably in the following order:

- ▶ first the name of your street.
- ▶ then your house number.
- ▶ lastly, your name.

You will also be asked to show the checkers acceptable identification:

- ▶ a driver’s license or non-driver photo ID
- ▶ anything preprinted with your name and photo, name and signature, or name and address.

If you are on the list but don't have an ID with you, the checkers will call someone to help you.

Once the checkers have checked you on the voting list, they will point you to the ballot clerk, either at the same desk or at the next desk down the line, or hand you a token to give to the ballot clerk.

If your name does NOT appear on the list of registered voters, DON'T LEAVE! Ask a registrar for help — if you are a U.S. citizen, you may be eligible for Election Day Registration (EDR) and still able to vote on that day, although maybe at a different polling place.

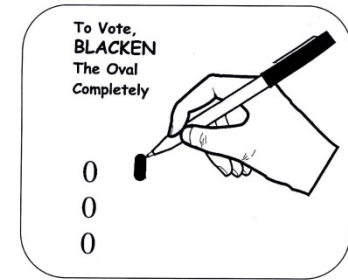
Step 2: Get Your Ballot

The ballot clerk will hand you a ballot, and is supposed to offer you a privacy folder if you'd like it.

Step 3: Mark Your Ballot

Take your blank ballot to any of the “privacy booths” set up between the ballot clerk’s desk and the voting machine. Inside each booth you will find a black soft-tip marking pen for you to use on your ballot.

When you mark your ballot, be careful to fill in each of your favored candidates’ ovals fully (as shown in the illustration).



Please note: if you make a mistake, don't worry: just take your ballot back to the ballot clerk and ask for a new one. **Do not try** to correct your ballot by crossing the error out – the voting machine won't read it correctly. The ballot clerk will void your old ballot so that it cannot be counted.

Step 4: Put Your Ballot Into the Tabulator

Once you're satisfied with the way you've marked your ballot, carry it to the voting machine line. When it's your turn, insert your ballot into the tabulator (face up or face down, and either end in first) and hand the privacy folder (if you took one) to the “tabulator tender,” who should be standing about three feet from the machine.

If for any reason the machine cannot read your ballot, the ballot will pop back out, and an error message will appear on the tabulator's screen. The tabulator tender can interpret any error message and find you the right help to correct the problem.

Once you have successfully voted, take an “I Voted” Sticker to wear proudly throughout the day.