



ABSENTEE VOTING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where is my absentee ballot?

You can track your absentee ballot and application at the Michigan Voter Information Center michigan.gov/vote. Click on “Your Voter Information” to enter your details and see when:

- Your application for your absentee ballot was received by your city/township clerk;
- Your ballot was mailed to you; and,
- Your completed ballot was received by your city/township clerk.

Is it too late to request an absentee ballot?

No, but at this point you will need to request your absentee ballot in person at your city/township clerk’s office rather than by mail or online. There isn’t enough time to receive an absentee ballot through the mail. Visit your city/township clerk’s office or satellite office as soon as possible, apply for your absentee ballot, complete the ballot and submit it. **The deadline for already-registered voters to cast an absentee ballot is Monday, November 2 at 4 pm.**¹ Reminder: all city and township clerks’ offices must be open for at least 8 hours this weekend (October 31 - November 1).²

Or you can go vote at your polling location on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3.

If you need to register to vote, or update your registration address, you can do that at your city/township clerk’s office or satellite office until 8 pm on Tuesday, November 3.³

If you absolutely cannot visit your city/township clerk’s office because, for example, you live out-of-state or have COVID symptoms, call your city/township clerk right away and ask to have your absentee ballot sent to you by overnight mail.

What should I do if I requested an absentee ballot but never received it?

Visit your city/township clerk’s office as soon as possible to cancel your first absentee ballot and request a new one. The deadline to do this is **Monday, November 2 at 4 pm.**⁴

Or you can go to your polling place on Election Day, complete a simple form and vote.⁵

If you absolutely cannot go to the polls or visit your city/township clerk’s office because, for example, you live out-of-state or have COVID symptoms, call your city/township clerk right away.

¹ Michigan Election Officials Manual, [Chapter 6, p. 5](#).

² [Michigan Constitution, Art. II, §4\(1\)\(G\)](#).

³ [Michigan Constitution, Art. II, §4\(1\)\(F\)](#).

⁴ Michigan Election Officials Manual, [Chapter 6, p.12](#).

⁵ Michigan Election Officials Manual, [Chapter 6, p.12](#) & [Chapter 11, p. 23](#). [Managing Your Precinct on Election Day](#), p 31.

What if I have my absentee ballot but want to vote in person on Election Day?

If you decide not to vote your absentee ballot, you can still vote at your polling location on Election Day. Take your absentee ballot to your polling place on Election Day, surrender it, fill out a form and vote. You will then be issued a new ballot that you can vote in the polling location.⁶

What if I received my absentee ballot but made an error on it, it was lost, or destroyed?

Visit your city/township clerk's office as soon as possible to cancel your first absentee ballot and request a new one. The deadline to do this is **Monday, November 2 at 4 pm**. If you have the absentee ballot, because you made an error or it was only partially destroyed, take it with you.⁷

Or you can go to your polling place on Election Day, fill out a form and vote. If you have the absentee ballot, because you made an error or it was only partially destroyed, take it with you.⁸

What should I do if I still have my absentee ballot?

If you decide to vote your absentee ballot, **your completed ballot must be RECEIVED by your city/township clerk by 8 pm on Tuesday, November 3.**⁹

You should submit your completed ballot as soon as possible, but **do not return it by regular mail.**

- You can return it by expedited mail service with guaranteed delivery by **Tuesday, November 3.**
- You can drop it off at your city/township clerk's office or a secure drop box provided by your clerk **by 8 pm on Tuesday, November 3.**
- You can have an immediate family member (including a grandparent, grandchild, or in-law) or a person residing in your household drop it off for you **by 8 pm on Tuesday, November 3.**
- You can call your city/township clerk and ask that they pick up your completed ballot (only available within the city/township of the clerk). **You must call your clerk by 5 pm on Friday, October 30.**¹⁰

Or you can choose not to vote your absentee ballot and to vote at your polling location instead. Take your absentee ballot to your polling place, surrender it, fill out a form and vote. You will be issued a new ballot that you can vote in the polling location.¹¹

What if I mailed my absentee ballot to my city/township clerk but I don't know if it was received?

Track your absentee ballot at the Michigan Voter Information Center michigan.gov/vote. Click on "Your Voter Information" and enter the information requested to see if your ballot has been received by your clerk. Or call the nonpartisan Election Protection hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683).

⁶ Michigan Election Officials Manual, [Chapter 6, p.12](#) & [Chapter 11, p. 23. Managing Your Precinct on Election Day](#), p 31

⁷ Michigan Election Officials Manual, [Chapter 6, p.12](#).

⁸ Michigan Election Officials Manual, [Chapter 6, p.12. Managing Your Precinct on Election Day](#), p 31.

⁹ Michigan Election Officials Manual, [Chapter 6, p. 9.](#)

¹⁰ Michigan Election Officials Manual, [Chapter 6, p. 9.](#)

¹¹ Michigan Election Officials Manual, [Chapter 6, p.12](#) & [Chapter 11, p. 23. Managing Your Precinct on Election Day](#), p 31

If your absentee ballot has not been “received” and you still want to vote early, visit your city/township clerk’s office as soon as possible, ask to spoil your original absentee ballot, and vote a new one. The deadline to cancel an absentee ballot that has not been received by your clerk is **Monday, November 2 at 4 pm.**¹²

Or if your absentee ballot has not been “received” by Election Day, you can go to your polling location on Tuesday, November 3, fill out a simple form and vote.¹³

Where is my city/township clerk’s office, and when is it open?

Find your clerk’s location, hours, and contact info at the Michigan Voter Information Center michigan.gov/vote (Click the “Your Clerk” tab on the left-hand side and then “Search By Address”). Or call the nonpartisan Election Protection hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683).

Where is my polling location?

You can find your polling location at the Michigan Voter Information Center michigan.gov/vote. Or call the nonpartisan Election Protection hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683).

Call the Election **Protection** hotlines for assistance at any time.

- For assistance in English, call 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
- Para recibir ayuda en español llama a 888-VE-Y-VOTA (888-839-8682)
- للمساعدة باللغة العربية، اتصل على: 844-YALLA-US (844-925-5287)
- For assistance in Bengali, Cantonese, English, Hindi, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, Urdu or Vietnamese, call 888-API-VOTE (888-274-8683)



¹² Michigan Election Officials Manual, [Chapter 6, p.12.](#)

¹³ Michigan Election Officials Manual, [Chapter 11, p. 23.](#) [Managing Your Precinct on Election Day](#), p 31.