Vote from the safety of your home!

A mail ballot guide for Rhode Island voters
Dear Rhode Island Voter,

As your Secretary of State, it is my responsibility to engage everyone who is eligible to vote in the civic process. The good news is that in Rhode Island, you have three different ways to cast a ballot. You may choose to vote from home with a mail ballot, vote early in-person at a location designated by your city/town or vote at your polling place on Election Day.

This guide offers detailed information about how to safely and securely vote from home with a mail ballot. As the trusted source of voting information, it's important to note that any official elections mail will have this logo:

![Official Election Mail Logo](image)

I also encourage you to sign up for our new ballot tracking service, which will allow us to text or email you regular updates on the status of your mail ballot. You can do this by clicking the “Track my Ballot” icon at the top of vote.ri.gov.

The single act of casting a ballot is fundamental to how we make government accountable to the people it serves. I thank you again for being an engaged Rhode Islander.

Sincerely,

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State
2022 Election Dates

Here are the important dates that every voter should know concerning the election cycle:

**SEPTEMBER 13 | PRIMARY DAY**

- **AUG 14** Deadline to register to vote
- **AUG 23** Deadline to apply for a Braille/tactile ballot
- **AUG 15** Disaffiliation deadline (to vote in a different party primary)
- **AUG 23** Deadline to apply for a mail ballot
- **EARLY VOTING PERIOD** AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 12
- **SEP 13** Primary Day
  - All mail ballots must be received by 8 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 8 | ELECTION DAY**

- **OCT 09** Deadline to register to vote
- **OCT 18** Deadline to apply for a mail ballot
- **OCT 18** Deadline to apply for a Braille/tactile ballot
- **EARLY VOTING PERIOD** OCTOBER 19 - NOVEMBER 7
- **NOV 08** Election Day
  - All mail ballots must be received by 8 p.m.
Voting from home in seven easy steps

Every election, millions of voters around the country, including our military and overseas voters, cast their ballots by mail. The illustration below outlines just how fast, easy, and safe it is to vote from home with a mail ballot.

How voting by mail works in Rhode Island

1. Fill out and sign your mail ballot application.
2. Return it by the date indicated at the top of the form.
3. Signature verification
   - Election officials will verify your signature on the mail ballot application with your signature in the voter registration system.
4. Let’s Vote!
   - A ballot will be mailed to you.
   - Cast your vote and place your ballot in the Voter’s Mail Ballot Certificate envelope.
5. Sign the Voter’s Mail Ballot Certificate envelope and return it in the postage-paid return envelope.
6. Signature verification
   - Election officials will verify your signature on the Voter’s Mail Ballot Certificate envelope with the signature on file with your city or town.
7. Once your signature is verified, your mail ballot will be removed from the envelope and inserted into a voting machine to be counted by the Board of Elections.

Track your ballot

Go to vote.ri.gov to check the status of your mail ballot.

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Infographic produced by the Rhode Island Department of State
Filling out your mail ballot application

The first step to voting from home is requesting a mail ballot by completing and returning a mail ballot application. You must fill out an application for each election you plan to vote with a mail ballot. Below are tips to make sure you complete the application properly. Remember to return your mail ballot application well before the application deadline (posted on page 3).

Mail Ballot Application - General Election

To receive a mail ballot, you must complete and submit this application to your local board of canvassers by:

[Box and space for address]

For blind, visually impaired, or voters with disabilities, select this box to receive an accessible ballot. Please provide an email address in Box A.

Visit vote.ri.gov to view your voter record or track your ballot.

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Fax Number: applicable for service members and overseas citizens in Box C3

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Important Information:

» Invalid Signature: Your mail ballot may be disqualified if you submit an electronic or stamped signature, or someone other than you signs this application.

» Accessible Ballot: Voters who need a Braille/Tactile or Large Print ballot must also submit a Braille/Tactile/Large Print Mail Ballot Application with this mail ballot application.

For Official Use Only:

Date Received: ____________________  Accepted by: ____________________  Precinct: ____________________

Your signature here will be compared to the signature in your voter record. If you think your signature has changed, please contact your local board of canvassers.
Returning your voted mail ballot

Voting from home with a mail ballot is a safe and secure option for voters who do not want to vote in-person. Please contact your local board of canvassers if you missed the application deadline and do not want to vote in-person. Below are the procedures for securely returning your voted mail ballot:

1. **Voted Ballot**
   - Insert the voted ballot into the Voter’s Mail Ballot Certificate (smaller) envelope.
   - Seal it.

2. **Voter’s Mail Ballot Certificate**
   - Print your telephone number (In case there are questions regarding your ballot.)
   - Sign the envelope. (This will be compared to the signature on file with your city or town.)
   - Place completed Voter’s Mail Ballot Certificate envelope into the larger envelope addressed to the Board of Elections.
   - Seal it.

RETURN BY MAIL
No postage necessary

**PRIMARY DAY**
- Be sure to mail your ballot by September 6 to ensure it is received by Primary Day.
- Your ballot must be received by 8 p.m. on Primary Day (September 13).

**ELECTION DAY**
- Be sure to mail your ballot by November 1 to ensure it is received by Election Day.
- Your ballot must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day (November 8).

RETURN BY DROP BOX
No postage necessary

**PRIMARY DAY**
- Must be in a drop box by 8 p.m. on Primary Day (September 13).

**ELECTION DAY**
- Must be in a drop box by 8 p.m. on Election Day (November 8).

Drop your ballot off at any 24-hour drop box in RI.

Go to vote.ri.gov to learn more about drop box locations.

If you make a mistake when marking your ballot
- If you make a mistake when marking your ballot, DO NOT cross out on the ballot.
- Immediately contact the Department of State’s Elections Division at 401-222-2340, TDD 711 or via email at elections@sos.ri.gov to make arrangements to receive a replacement ballot.

Track your ballot
vote.ri.gov

Questions about your ballot?
Contact the Board of Elections: 401-222-2345 or at boe.elections@elections.ri.gov.
For general elections questions, call our Elections Division at 401-222-2340.
Frequently Asked Questions

What if I need a Spanish mail ballot application?
All ballots for voters in Central Falls, Pawtucket, Providence, and Woonsocket are in English and Spanish per Voting Rights Act guidelines. Spanish mail ballot applications are available online at vote.ri.gov or by contacting your Board of Canvassers.

What should I do if I want to vote by mail but the mail ballot process is difficult for me due to my disability?
Contact our Elections Division at (401) 222-2340 or Disability Rights Rhode Island at (401) 831-3150 for assistance.

How do I check my voter information?
Go to vote.ri.gov. This website is Rhode Island’s one-stop shop for elections information. Use it to register to vote online, change your party affiliation, access elections information, and more.

If you know someone who wants to check their information without internet access, have them call (401) 222-2340.

I recently moved but didn’t update my voter registration. Can I still vote by mail?
You should go to vote.ri.gov to check your voter registration information. If your address is not accurate, you may update your voter information online. You should also contact your local board of canvassers to see if you are eligible to apply for a mail ballot from your new address for the next election.

How do I request a mail ballot so I can vote from home?
Mail ballot applications are available two ways. You can download an application at vote.ri.gov and print it out or, if you don’t have access to a printer, you can request a printed application from your local board of canvassers, located in your city/town hall.

When applying for a mail ballot, can we put multiple applications into one return envelope?
Each voter applying for a mail ballot must fill out their own application. You may mail back multiple applications in one envelope. You must fill out an application for each election you plan to vote with a mail ballot.

What happens if I make a mistake filling out my mail ballot application?
You can print another application from vote.ri.gov or call your local board of canvassers to have one mailed to you.

What happens after I send back my mail ballot application?
Your application will be verified by your local board of canvassers by comparing your signature on the application with the signature on file from your voter registration record. Once verified, a mail ballot will be sent to the address in Box A (unless you filled out a different mailing address in Box B).

The infographic on page 4 is a helpful tool that outlines the vote-by-mail process in Rhode Island!

When will I receive my mail ballot?
Go to vote.ri.gov to track the status of your mail ballot. If you have questions regarding the status of your application or mail ballot, please contact your local board of canvassers.

I received my mail ballot, now what?
Your mail ballot will arrive with detailed instructions for filling it out and returning it. It is important to follow each step carefully to ensure your vote will be counted.

When do I need to return my mail ballot?
All mail ballots must be received by the State Board of Elections by 8 p.m. on Election Day. We encourage voters to allow at least seven mailing days to ensure their ballot is received on time.

If you are concerned your ballot won’t make it in time using the US Postal Service, you may drop your completed mail ballot in the sealed envelopes in any of the secure 24-hour drop boxes located around the state by 8 p.m. on Election Day.
Should I let someone else deliver my mail ballot to the Board of Elections?

Every mail ballot includes a postage-paid return envelope so voters can easily return their mail ballot for free. If you don’t want to mail your ballot, you can hand-deliver it to the Board of Elections, drop it in a secure 24-hour drop box, or you can give it to someone you trust to return for you.

Never rely on a stranger to return your mail ballot.

Won’t you know who I vote for if I vote by mail? How is my vote kept private?

Your mail ballot must be inserted into the Mail Ballot Certificate envelope and then in the postage-paid return envelope. Election officials will open the postage-paid return envelope and the signature on your Mail Ballot Certificate envelope will be matched to the signature on file with your city or town.

Once that signature has been verified, your ballot will be removed from the certificate envelope and immediately inserted into a voting machine. This ensures your vote is kept private.

What happens if I make a mistake filling it out, or if my ballot is damaged?

Call our Elections Division at (401) 222-2340 or email elections@sos.ri.gov to request a new one.

I mailed back my ballot. How can I check that it was received?

You can track your mail ballot at vote.ri.gov.

I applied for a mail ballot but have changed my mind and would like to vote at a polling place. Am I allowed to do so?

If you applied for a mail ballot, you should complete the process by mail. Any voter who applies for a mail ballot and attempts to vote in person will be required to vote a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot will be returned to the local board of canvassers where election officials will determine if you have already cast a mail ballot or if the provisional ballot should be counted.

Voting more than once is a felony.

If someone loses their ballot and gets another one, how will you know they didn’t vote twice?

Our office notifies the Board of Elections that a second ballot is being mailed. We also mark the envelope so the Board of Elections can track the ballot. There is a barcode on each envelope that is scanned when the ballot is returned. If someone votes twice, it will be detected and prevented when the Board of Elections scans the ballot envelope.

Similarly, it will be detected and prevented if someone votes by mail and tries to vote again at a polling place.

How do you ensure that someone doesn’t vote using someone else’s ballot?

Signatures are compared in two steps of the vote-by-mail process. The signature on your mail ballot application will be compared to the signature on file at your local board of canvassers. When you return your voted ballot, the signature on your Mail Ballot Certificate envelope will be matched to the signature on file with your city or town.

It is a felony to fill out a mail ballot application or a mail ballot fraudulently.

What if I don’t want to vote by mail, but I can’t vote on Election Day either?

Rhode Island voters have the option to vote early in person at their city or town hall during business hours in the 20 days leading up to Election Day.

Early in person voting is very similar to voting at a polling place. You will check in by scanning your photo ID into an electronic poll book. You will receive a ballot, fill out your ballot, and insert your completed ballot into a voting machine.

What if I don’t want to vote in person, but I missed the mail ballot application deadline?

If you are unable to vote in person, you may still request an emergency mail ballot from your local board of canvassers.
Contact your elections officials

LOCAL BOARD OF CANVASSERS

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