

VOTE SMART



Voting Basics to Remind Family, Friends and Neighbors

Check Your Voter Registration and Polling Location

- Address Change? (even if you have moved within an apartment building!)
- Name Change
- Encourage others to do the same!

Vote Early In-Person (starting September 18, 2026 in VA)

- check your local Board of Elections for times/locations
- Bring friends and family - post on social media

Election Day

- confirm polling place
- bring ID

Provisional Ballot/Same Day Voter Registration

- On Election Day you **must cast your vote at your assigned polling place or YOUR VOTE MAY NOT COUNT!**

Check Your Ballot Status **HERE**



Mail-In Ballot - 2 Options

- Bring ballot to your polling place and request to have it “spoiled,” then vote a regular ballot
or
- Complete ballot - drop at designated Ballot Drop Box or mail it immediately

Keep in Mind:

- USPS delivery standards changed - now First Class delivery went from 1-3 days to 2-5 days and Standard delivery is now 2-9 days.
- If you are returning your ballot by mail, it must be postmarked on or before election day and received by your general registrar’s office by noon on the third day following the election (In the vent that the day is a holiday, the deadline is moved to the following business day).
- Bring the envelope to a staffed retail window during open lobby hours.
Ask the clerk to hand-cancel the envelope with a physical date stamp if you already placed an adhesive stamp on it.

Should Someone Vote Via Mail-In Ballot?

- People who find it hard to travel to a polling place, on Election Day or during early voting, may prefer to vote using a mail-in ballot.
- In Virginia, one may request a mail-in ballot for the Nov. 3rd general election until October 18th.
- Make sure to sign the outer envelope.
- Include Privacy Envelope!
- It's important to return the ballot as soon as possible, either in the polling place dropbox or in the U.S. Mail.
- Stay up-to-date on any attempts to thwart mail-in voting, and reassure people about the process if you can.
- Track your ballot online

Officer of Election Basics



Voter Information & Registration Pamphlet (printable)



Track Your Ballot



Poll Observer Description & Training *(VA Dept Elections)*



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