

Voting in Virginia: FAQs

An update on new election law in Virginia

Remember, if you have a question that is not answered below, then call our voter protection hotline number at: (844) 4VA-VOTE or (844) 482-8683

How can Vote by Mail Ballots be turned in Virginia?

Ballots can be mailed or hand delivered. Voters may hand deliver vote by mail ballots to: 1) the Registrar's office (during Early Voting and Election day); 2) a drop off location at an in-person drop off location at an in-person early vote site; or 3) any voting precinct in the locality on Election Day!

When is the Deadline to Mail in Ballots?

The ballot must be postmarked by November 3 and received at the Registrar's office by noon on November 6th. We're recommending that people bypass the post office and turn in their ballots in person after October 9th.

What if a Voter Requests a Mail in Ballot and Then Changes Their Mind?

A voter may trade their vote by mail ballot for a regular ballot at his or her Early Vote site or Election Day precinct. If the voter doesn't bring the vote by mail ballot, then they will vote on a provisional ballot, their vote will still be counted, and there will be no further action needed from the voter.

Will Dropboxes be Used in Virginia This Year?

Dropboxes will be used in SOME places across the Commonwealth, but drop off locations is a better term to use. Every early vote site is required to have a drop off location for vote by mail ballots, not a drop box.

Will a Voter be Notified if Their Absentee Ballot is Rejected?

Yes. Virginia law requires the Registrar's office to notify the voter within three days of receiving their absentee ballot if it will be rejected.

Can vote by mail ballots be dropped off at polling locations on Election Day?

Yes. A voter may drop off a completed vote by mail ballot at any polling precinct in his/her locality on Election Day.

Will There be Curbside Voting?

Yes. The same protocols for in person voting on Election Day applies to early voting.

Can I Track My Vote by Mail Ballot?

Yes. You can do so by logging onto: https://www.elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal/