

EARLY AND ABSENTEE VOTING

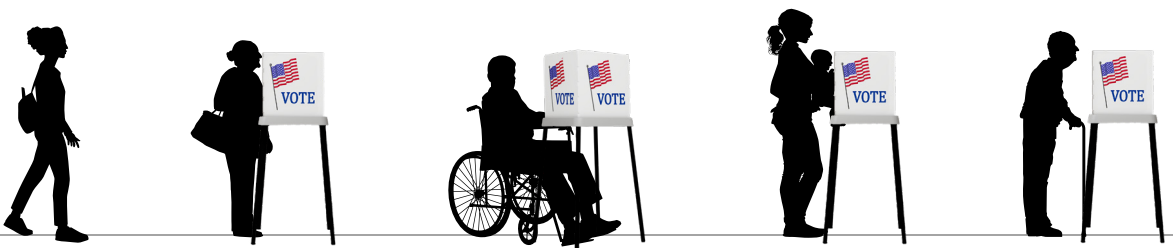
YOUR SAY. YOUR WAY.

Vote On Election Day,
Vote Early In Person, or
Vote By Absentee Ballot — **New:** No Excuse Required!

Connecticut voters now have more flexibility than ever



Get #VoteReady! Visit **MyVote.CT.gov** for all of your trusted election information.



YOUR THREE VOTING OPTIONS

1 ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

6 a.m. – 8 p.m. at your regular polling place

2 EARLY VOTING In Person

Monday, October 19 – Sunday, November 1

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

8 a.m. – 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27 and Thursday, October 29

3 ABSENTEE VOTING

Online application portal opens on Saturday, September 19
at **MyVote.CT.gov**.

Voter Registration deadline in advance of the general election
is Friday, October 16.

If you miss the deadline, same-day voter registration is available.

During Early Voting, if you are not registered but want to vote, you
can register in person at your town's Early Voting location.

On Election Day, if you are not registered but want to vote, you
can register in person at your town's same-day registration site.

Visit **MyVote.CT.gov** for information about the
August 11, 2026 Primary Election. Information may vary.

FAQs: **EARLY VOTING** in Connecticut

What should I expect at the Early Voting location?

When you arrive at the Early Voting location, you will check in and be verified as an eligible voter. After printing and signing your name in the Early Voting log book, you will receive your ballot. After completing your ballot, you will insert it into the tabulator to be counted.

What part of the Early Voting process is new this year?

Voters will insert their completed ballots directly into a tabulator to be counted instead of inside an envelope. Also new is the requirement that voters must both print and sign their name when they check in to vote.

How is Early Voting different from voting by absentee ballot?

Early Voting allows you to cast your ballot in person at an Early Voting location during a specific period of time before Election Day.

How many Early Voting locations does each city or town have?

Each town has at least one Early Voting location. Towns with populations over 20,000 can decide whether to add additional locations. There are also Early Voting locations on several of Connecticut's public university campuses. To confirm your Early Voting location, visit **MyVote.CT.gov** the week before Early Voting begins or contact your Registrar of Voters.

Does the Early Voting period include weekends?

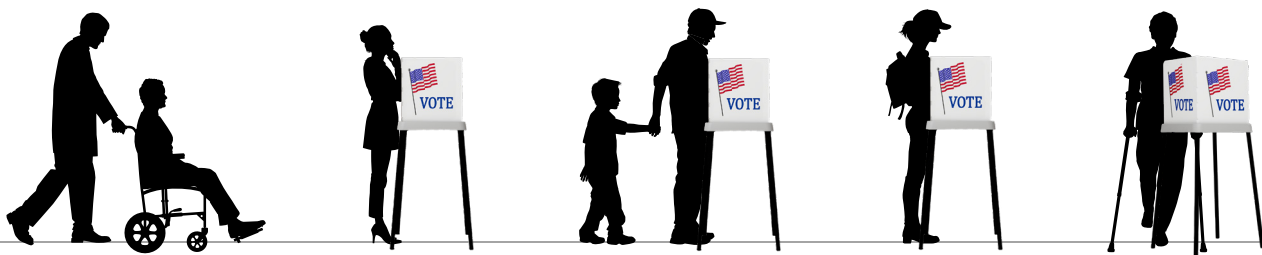
Yes! The 14 days of Early Voting for the November 3, 2026 general election include two weekends, with polls open from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, October 24 and 25, and from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, October 31 and November 1.

How is it ensured people do not vote twice?

When you cast your ballot during Early Voting, you print and sign your name in a log book during check-in, and election officials record that you have voted in the Centralized Voter Registration System. This ensures each voter can only vote once, whether by Early Voting, absentee ballot, or on Election Day.

Can I register to vote during the Early Voting period before a general election?

Yes. If proven eligible, you can register and vote on the same day at your town's Early Voting location. For primary elections, which have different rules, find detailed instructions at **MyVote.CT.gov**.



YOUR SAY. YOUR WAY.

If you're eligible to vote in Connecticut, you have more options than ever to make your voice heard: on Election Day, during in-person Early Voting, or by absentee ballot — now with no excuse required!

Vote in person on Election Day – Tuesday, November 3

- Vote at your assigned polling place.
- Polls are open 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- As long as you're in line by 8 p.m., you can vote, and your vote will be counted.

Vote early in person: October 19 – November 1 (includes weekends!)

- Vote in person during the 14-day Early Voting period at your town's designated Early Voting location.
- Check in.
- Print and sign your name in your town's Early Voting log book.
- Receive your ballot, and mark it privately.
- Insert your ballot directly into the voting tabulator.
- As long as you're in line by that day's Early Voting closing time, you can vote, and your vote will be counted.

Vote by Absentee Ballot – Now open to every voter

- **New for 2026, you no longer need a specific reason, such as illness or absence from town, to apply to vote by absentee ballot.**
- Visit **MyVote.CT.gov** to apply online or to download the application in English or Spanish. You can also visit your Town Clerk's office to get an absentee ballot application in person.
- When you complete your application, include your telephone number and email if you would like your Town Clerk to contact you if you make an error.
- Once your application is approved, wait for your absentee ballot to be mailed to you, beginning 31 days before the general election.
- Once you receive your ballot, follow the instructions for marking your selections and returning your ballot carefully.
- Using the privacy sleeve for your absentee ballot is optional.
- Both print and sign your name on the return envelope.
- Return your ballot by mail, drop box, or directly to your Town Clerk no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3.

FAQs: ABSENTEE VOTING in Connecticut

Is voting by absentee ballot a two-step process?

Yes. First submit an absentee ballot application. Once your application is approved, the Town Clerk will mail you an absentee ballot.

Who can return my absentee ballot for me?

If mailing your ballot or placing it in an official drop box:

- An immediate family member who is a spouse, child, parent, or sibling **and lives with you**
- Your legal designee (such as a doctor, nurse, or family member) who is caring for you because of an illness or disability **and** who you designated in Section VI of your absentee ballot application
- A police officer
- A Registrar of Voters, Deputy Registrar of Voters, or Assistant Register of Voters

If returning your ballot directly to your Town Clerk's office:

- An immediate family member who is a spouse, child, parent, or sibling **and lives with you**
- Your legal designee (such as a doctor, nurse, or family member) who is caring for you because of an illness or disability **and** who you designated in Section VI of your absentee ballot application

What is the penalty if an unauthorized person returns my absentee ballot?

Improper possession or return of another person's absentee ballot is a Class D felony, which may be punishable by up to five years in prison, a fine of up to \$5,000, or both.

How can I return my ballot?

Absentee ballots may be returned by mail, dropped in a drop box, or presented in person to the Town Clerk.

What is curing?

Curing is a way to fix a missing signature on an absentee ballot return envelope. If you forget to sign yours, your Town Clerk will make their best efforts to contact you, so that you have the opportunity to correct the issue before the polls close on Election Day. Provide a phone number and email address on your application so that clerks may contact you.

How can I track my absentee ballot?

You can check the status of your absentee ballot through **MyVote.CT.gov** or by contacting your Town Clerk.

To receive important election updates text **VOTE** to **860.321.4221**.

PLAN YOUR VOTE



Register or Update Your Registration

MyVote.CT.gov/register

Find Your Early Voting Location

MyVote.CT.gov



Find Your Election Day Polling Place

MyVote.CT.gov/lookup

View Your Sample Ballot

MyVote.CT.gov/sampleballots

Sample ballots are generally available for viewing approximately one week before the election



Learn More About Absentee Voting

MyVote.CT.gov/absentee

Access the 2026 Voter Guide

MyVote.CT.gov

Available by October 1 per state law



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