

# Don't wait to make your voice heard! Be an early voter!

## Voting early by mail

In 2022, voting by mail remains a safe and secure way to have a say in the future of our communities, state and country. Here's how to protect your vote and make sure your voice is heard:

- Apply for a ballot now at [mnvotes.org](https://mnvotes.org). Your ballot will be mailed to you as soon as it is available from your county elections office.
- Read the instructions that come with your ballot carefully. Your ballot will not count if you do not complete all the forms.
- If you are not registered to vote when you apply for a ballot, you will be mailed a registration form to submit with your ballot.
- You will need a witness when you vote and complete your ballot. The witness can be either a registered Minnesota voter or a notary. Your witness must sign the signature envelope and list their address. Notaries should write their name and title, sign the signature envelope and affix their notary stamp.

## Returning your ballot in person

You can return your ballot in person no later than 3 p.m. on Election Day to the election office that sent your ballot. You can drop off ballots for up to three other voters. You will need to show identification with name and signature when returning a ballot for someone else. You may not drop your ballot off at your polling place on Election Day.

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Your ballot must be received by Election Day or it will not be counted. Return your ballot by mail or package delivery service (such as FedEx or UPS).

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You can track the status of your absentee ballot at <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus.aspx>.

If you have requested an absentee ballot, but have not returned it to your county elections office, you may still cast a ballot in person by voting at your polling place on Election Day or at your local early voting location.


**Ballots will be sent out starting Sept. 23. The Minnesota Secretary of State's office recommends you apply before Oct. 7, so the ballot can be mailed and returned by Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8.**

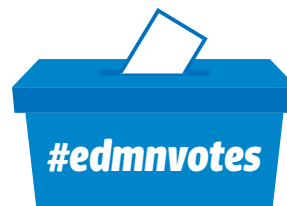
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- Early voting starts Sept. 23.
- All counties have at least one early voting site, but many have multiple throughout the county.
- You can find your county election office at [www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/find-county-election-office](https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/find-county-election-office) or call your city clerk to see what is available in your city.
- Polling places must be open the last Saturday before Election Day (10 a.m.-3 p.m.) and the day before Election Day until 5 p.m.
- If you've registered to vote, you're eligible to vote early.
- If you aren't already registered, you can do that the day you vote if you show proof of residence.

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