



# **VOTE SAFE, SMART, & EARLY: TIPS FOR VERMONT VOTERS**

AUGUST 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION

There is a **Primary Election** coming up on **August 11**, where voters will choose which political party nominees will be on the ballot in the **General Election** this fall.

To keep voting safe and accessible this year, we're urging Vermonters to **vote by mail!**

**Here's how...**

# STEP 1: REQUEST A MAIL-IN BALLOT

*These are your options – you only need to complete one.*

- **Call your town clerk** to request a ballot. You can find their contact information at [mvp.vermont.gov](http://mvp.vermont.gov) or [sos.vermont.gov/elections/town-clerks](http://sos.vermont.gov/elections/town-clerks); or
- Visit [mvp.vermont.gov](http://mvp.vermont.gov) and complete an online ballot request form;\* or
- **Mail a ballot request form or written request** to your town clerk. All voters were mailed a postcard with this form in late June or early July.\*

***\*Note: These requests must be received with enough time for mailing.***

# **STEP 2: COMPLETE YOUR BALLOT**

**Your town clerk will mail you the materials you need to vote. That includes a certificate envelope with instructions.**

**Follow the instructions carefully to ensure that your ballot will be counted.**

**Here are a few tips...**



- You will be mailed 3 ballots (a ballot for Democrats, Republicans, and Progressives). **Only complete 1 ballot.**
- Put your completed ballot in the certificate envelope (labeled "**Voted Ballot**") and the other 2 in the envelope labeled "**Unvoted Ballots.**" **Seal all envelopes.**
- Be sure to complete and **sign the oath on the certificate envelope.**
- When you're done, **place all materials in the "Vermont Official Early or Absentee Voter Ballots" envelope.**

# STEP 3: SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT

*These are your options – you only need to complete one.*

- **Mail it to your town clerk.** Your envelope will have prepaid postage, so you do not need a stamp. **Your ballot must be received by close of business on August 10 to be counted; or**

- **Drop it off at your town clerk's office** by close of business on August 10 **or your polling location** before 7:00 pm on August 11. Please wear a mask and follow public health guidelines, to keep everyone safe.



# TIPS

*In closing...*

- If you've forgotten to request an absentee ballot or otherwise cannot vote by mail, **you can visit the polls in person**. They will be open for early voting and on election day.
- **Ensure that you leave enough time for mailing your ballot. If your ballot is received late, it will not be counted.** You can drop off your ballot at your town clerk's office or polling location if it is too late to mail it.
- Your town clerk is there to support you in casting your ballot. **If you have any questions, contact your town clerk.** You can find their contact information at [sos.vermont.gov/elections/town-clerks](https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/town-clerks) or [mvp.vermont.gov](https://mvp.vermont.gov).

# THANK YOU FOR VOTING!

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