



Minnesota's Vote by Mail and No Excuse Absentee Voting Information

In Minnesota, we have No Excuse Absentee Voting so we can vote absentee in advance of Election Day by mail or in-person (at specific locations).

To **vote by mail**, you'll need to apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to you. You can request it online at bit.ly/votemailmn or request it by mail.

To apply online, you will need to:

- Be eligible to register and vote in Minnesota
- Provide an email address
- Provide an identification number: MN-issued driver's license, Minnesota ID card or last 4 digits of Social Security Number
- Provide your County and City, State, and Zip Code
- Select an Election you want a ballot for

You can also request it by mail, fax, or email at your county election office. The list of those is available here: <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/find-county-election-office/>.

NOTE: Some cities and towns in Minnesota only use vote-by-mail. To find out if you live in one, use the Secretary of State's Polling Place Finder: <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us>.

Additional Vote by Mail FAQ

- You can request the ballot any time before Election Day itself.
- You should return it as soon as you can.
- Your ballot will not count if it is received after Election Day.
- It must be received by U.S. Mail or a delivery service (like FedEx or UPS) by Election Day.
- It can also be returned in-person to your county election office by 3pm on Election Day.
- In limited circumstances, (i.e. if you live in a congregate living facility or are hospitalized) your ballot can be delivered for you by an agent. The agent must be someone who knows you, is over 18 years old, is NOT a candidate, and may not be an agent for more than three voters.
- You can track the status of your ballot online at the Secretary of State's website.
- **NOTE ON WITNESS:** While this requirement has been waived for the primary election, you still need a witness when you vote and complete your ballot for the general election. 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.

Vote Early In-person- [Bit.ly/mnearlyvote](https://bit.ly/mnearlyvote)

- You can vote early with an absentee ballot at your county election office
 - Follow same absentee ballot process as above: [Bit.ly/votemailmn](https://bit.ly/votemailmn)
- If you are not registered, you can do so in person if you show [proof of residence](#).
 - (<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-election-day/>)
- For most elections, absentee voting locations must be open during their normal business hours starting 46 days before the election. In addition, locations offering absentee ballots for federal, state or county elections must be open:
 - The last Saturday before Election Day (10 a.m. — 3 p.m.)
 - The day before Election Day until 5 p.m.
 - This does not apply to school districts holding standalone elections.
- Some local jurisdictions may provide additional absentee voting days or hours beyond the above required days and times. Call your jurisdiction for more information.