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# Do Your Part Vote!

The Library can help you get the information you need about voting in Michigan



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## Registering & Voting Deadlines:

Register by Monday, October 19 (online or by mail) or Tuesday, November 3 (in person)

Visit your city or township clerk's office to register or update your registration and then vote. You can choose to vote an absentee ballot or go to your polling location.

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## Voting in Person:

Check with your county, city or township clerk's office to find out where your voting place is.

Vote at your assigned polling location on election day. Visit the Michigan Secretary of State's polling place locator web page: <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/>.

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on election day. A voter waiting in line at the polling place by 8:00 p.m. must be allowed to vote.

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## Voting Absentee:

All registered voters in Michigan can vote before election day using an absentee ballot.

Request an absentee ballot online at [mi.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote) or call your city or township clerk and ask for an application to be mailed to you.

Approximately 45 days before an election, the city/township clerk will mail your absentee ballot to you. Keep an eye out for your absentee ballot to arrive in the mail. You can track your application and ballot at the Michigan Voter Information Center: [mi.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote).

Your completed absentee ballot must be **received by your city or township clerk by no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day**. Make sure you mail the ballot in as early as possible or deliver in person to your clerk's office.

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## Frequent Voter Questions:

### **Q: Do I need a photo ID to vote?**

A: No. If you do not have photo ID or do not have it with you, you can sign a simple form and vote.

### **Q: What's the difference between early voting and absentee voting?**

A: In Michigan you can vote early by voting absentee.

### **Q: What if I have my absentee ballot but decide to vote in person on Election Day?**

A: If you decided not to vote by absentee ballot, take your absentee ballot to your polling place on Election Day and surrender it. You will then be issued a new ballot that you can vote in the polling location.

### **Q: I have a criminal conviction. Can I vote?**

A: In Michigan, any person convicted of a crime who is no longer serving a sentence in jail or prison can register and vote. Upon release, you should re-register to ensure your voter registration address is up-to-date.

### **Q: Are absent voter ballots always counted?**

A: Yes. They are counted on Election Day along with all ballots voted at the polls.

### **Q: What do I need to remember when voting?**

- A:
- If you are in line when polls are supposed to close, stay in line – you have the right to vote.
  - If you make a mistake on your ballot, ask for a new one.
  - If the machines are down at your polling place, ask for a paper ballot.
  - If your qualifications are questioned, immediately call the Election Protection Hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
  - Report an election issue by calling 1-866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)

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## Voting Resources:

- [vote411.org](http://vote411.org) voter and ballot information
- [fvap.gov](http://fvap.gov) voting help for service members and Americans living overseas
- [nonprofitvote.org](http://nonprofitvote.org) provides resources to increase voter participation
- [whenweallvote.org](http://whenweallvote.org) focused on increasing participation in elections

### **Non-Partisan Fact Checking Tools**

- [factcheck.org](http://factcheck.org)
- [politifact.com](http://politifact.com)



**Still have questions about voting? Ask a librarian.  
We're happy to help. Just call 313-640-GPPL (4775) and press #9.**

The information provided here is from the American Library Association, [michigan.gov](http://michigan.gov), [vote411.org](http://vote411.org), and [whenweallvote.org](http://whenweallvote.org)