

2020 ELECTION VOTING CHANGES

- **NEW for the November election! Online Voter Registration is here!** You can now register to vote quickly & easily without needing to print out and mail a form.
- The November 3, 2020 General Election will be **primarily Vote by Mail with limited in person voting at polling places.**
- There will be **at least 10 Secure Ballot Drop Boxes per county** available to drop off vote by mail ballots.
- At least half of the regular polling places will be open. Every municipality (*town, city*) will have a minimum of one polling place open. **You may not be able to vote in the same place you always have.**
- **A notice will be sent** with the location of **secure ballot drop boxes** as well as **your polling place** before or by October 23.
- **All active and newly registered voters will automatically be sent a Vote by Mail ballot. NO NEED TO REQUEST A BALLOT!**
- Voters need to immediately **request a supplemental ballot** from their county's Board of Elections if:
(1) A **mistake** is made when filling out the ballot. **DO NOT TRY TO CORRECT A MISTAKE** (*that disqualifies the ballot*),
(2) a ballot is **lost**, or (3) the internal envelope or ballot is **damaged**. The Board of Elections will track to ensure only the supplemental ballot is counted. If the external envelope is damaged, a regular envelope that is big enough to contain the inner envelope may be used. Address it to the address printed on the ballot and **add a stamp**.

ARE YOU AN "ACTIVE" OR "INACTIVE" VOTER?

- Voters are classified as inactive if they:
 - have NOT voted in the last two federal elections (*2016 or 2018*).
 - have NOT responded to any election-related communication from the county. Election material was returned as "unable to deliver" or "addressee unknown."
 - have NOT re-registered their new address.
 - To check if you are an active registered voter, visit <https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/registration-check> or call your county's Election Office.
- Voters who receive Vote by Mail Ballots have the right to **EITHER** vote using that **mail-in ballot** **OR** vote using a **provisional ballot at their polling place**. ADA machines will be reserved for disabled voters unable to fill out a provisional ballot.
*(NOTE: Provisional ballots are paper ballots that are counted **after** a voter's eligibility is verified. In the case of voters who received a mail-in ballot, their provisional ballots will be counted once it is confirmed that they did not cast a vote using the mail-in ballot.)*
 - The vote by mail ballot will be accompanied by a **First-Class, postage paid, return envelope. NO STAMP NEEDED!**
 - All ballots will be mailed from County Clerks before or by Monday, October 5, 2020. **VOTE EARLY! Fill out your ballot immediately and return it before October 20.**
 - If you do not receive your Vote by Mail Ballot by, **October 12, immediately contact your county clerk.** (*If you registered close to the deadline, it may take a bit longer to receive your ballot.*)

- The Board of Elections will mail your ballot to the mailing address they have on file for you. **If you have moved and/or changed your mailing address, you will need to re-register.**
- **Sample ballots will not be mailed out.** Active voters will receive a postcard with instructions on how to view a sample ballot online.
- **Vote by Mail Ballots Can Be Returned in Several Ways**
 1. **SECURE BALLOT DROP BOXES** - ballots can be dropped off anytime up until **8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3.**
 2. **MAIL** - ballots can be mailed to the address on the preprinted, First-class, postage paid envelope; must be **postmarked before 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3.**
 3. **(NEW for the Nov. election!) POLLING PLACES** - ballots can be dropped off from **6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3.**
 4. **COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE** - deliver **any business day through November 3.** Must show personal ID.

IMPORTANT! The LWV highly recommends:

- Returning ballots **before October 20** to be sure they get counted. **The sooner the better!**
- **Bypassing the regular mail system and using a SECURE BALLOT DROP BOX (or other option)** to return your ballot. These boxes will be placed at strategic locations throughout your county. They are emptied regularly by election officials and brought directly to the Board of Elections. **FASTER THAN MAIL!**

- **General Election Dates to Know**
 - **Oct. 5** – Deadline for Vote by Mail Ballots to be mailed out. **Ballots can be voted and returned as soon as they are received, which may happen before this date.**
 - **Oct. 13** – Deadline to register for the November election
 - **Oct. 23** – Last day to request a replacement ballot through the mail. Ballots can still be requested in person at the Clerk’s Office through 8 p.m. on November 3.
 - **Nov. 3** – General Election
 - **Nov. 5** – Last day for Board of Elections to receive ballots without a postmark
 - **Nov. 10** – Last day for Board of Elections to receive ballots with a postmark of November 3 or earlier

IMPORTANT LINKS/RESOURCES

- **New Jersey Division of Elections:** <https://nj.gov/state/elections/index.shtml> New Jersey’s State Election Website
 - **County Election Officials:** <https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/county-eo.shtml> The government office responsible for running elections in your county. **These are the best people to contact if you have any questions about voting in New Jersey.**
 - **Voter Search/Confirm Your Voter Registration Status:** <https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/registration-check>
 - **Online Voter Registration:** <https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/register>
 - **(By Mail/Paper Form) Voter Registration Application Forms:** <https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml>
 - **NJ 2020 Election Information:** <https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/election-information-2020.shtml> Candidates, Public Questions on the ballot
- **League of Women Voters New Jersey:** <https://www.lwvnj.org/>
- **VOTE 411.org:** <https://www.lwv.org/elections/vote411> Launched by the League of Women Voters. VOTE411 provides “one-stop-shop”, nonpartisan election-related information to the public with both general and state-specific information on several topics. Find candidate information & much more.
- **rockthevote.org:** <https://www.rockthevote.org/> Rock the Vote is a nonpartisan, nonprofit dedicated to building the political power of young people.
- **Campus Vote Project: NJ Voting Guide** <https://www.campusvoteproject.org/stateguides/New-Jersey>

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