

Journey of a Vote-by-Mail Ballot

Request your application

The first step in the process is initiated by the voter. Voters will print their own or request to have a Vote-by-Mail application mailed to them.

In Ohio, all registered voters are eligible to Vote-by-Mail with no excuses needed.

Return your application

After fully completing all required fields on the application (Name, Address, Date of Birth, ID, Election Info, Political Party, and Signature), voters can either mail their application back or return it to our 24/7 Drop Box.

During the November 2020 General Election, 49.94% of ballots counted were Vote-by-Mail.

We verify your application

Once the Board of Elections receives the application, a bipartisan team hand-verifies its accuracy against the voter's registration record. If any errors are found, we will notify the voter to make necessary corrections.

Your ballot is in the mail

The ballots are mailed with the Vote-by-Mail ballot pack, which includes the return envelope, the ID envelope, and important Vote-by-Mail information such as deadlines, postage requirements, and other instructions.

Voters can follow their Absentee Ballot with our 'Track My Ballot' tool at www.443vote.us

Vote and return your ballot

Voters will then insert their voted ballot into the completed ID Envelope. Ballots must be postmarked by the day before the election or returned in-person to our 24/7 Drop Box by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

Vote-by-Mail ballots returned before Election Day are some of the first ballots counted on Election Night.

We verify your ID Envelope

After the completed ballot is received by the Board of Elections, a bipartisan team of Election Officials will verify the information on the ID Envelope matches the voter's registration record.

We count your ballot

Once the voter's information has been verified, their ballot will be removed from the ID Envelope and inserted into a scanner to be tabulated by the Board of Elections.