

# Absentee Voting is Easier than Ever in Michigan

## Step 1: Fill out AND SIGN an absent voter ballot application.

- You must be registered to vote in Michigan.
- As of November 2018, you no longer need a reason to request an absent voter ballot.
- Download an application at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote) or contact your local clerk.
  - Click the 'Absentee Voting' tab
    - Click, 'Download an absent voter ballot application'
- If you'd like to have an absent voter ballot application mailed to you for every election ask your local clerk, in writing, to be added to the permanent absent voter list.
  - [Permanent absent voter list application](#)

## Step 2: Return the signed absent voter ballot application to local clerk by:

- Postal mail, email, fax, or in person.

## Step 3: You receive your absent voter ballot.

- **If you want the ballot mailed** to you, the application must be received by your clerk no later than 5 pm the Friday preceding Election Day.
- You can receive an absent voter ballot **in person** during your local clerk's normal office hours and up to 4 pm the Monday before Election Day.
- If you're registering to vote or updating your address by appearing at your clerk's office on Election Day, you can request an absent voter ballot at the same time you register.
- You may request an emergency absent voter ballot. It must be submitted after the deadline for regular absent voter ballots has passed, but before 4 pm on Election Day. The emergency must have occurred at a time which made it impossible for you to apply for a regular absent voter ballot.

## Step 5: Vote and return your absent voter ballot.

- Return to your local clerk's office by 8 pm on Election Day.
  - It may be returned by mail or by hand.
- Make sure the return envelope is signed.
  - If not, your vote will not count as your signature is used to verify your identity.
- If you received assistance to vote your ballot, the signature of the person who helped you must also be on the return envelope.
- Only you, a family member or person residing in your household, a mail carrier, or election official is authorized to deliver your signed absent voter ballot to your clerk's office.

## Additional Voter Information

[www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote) is an invaluable resource for voters. Go there to:

- Find out if you're registered to vote.
- Determine who your local clerk is.
- Locate the place where you vote in person on Election Day.
- View sample ballots for an upcoming election, and much more.