

# How to Return Your Ballot by Mail in Texas

## Who can vote by mail?

You can vote by mail if you are:

- 65 years or older
- Sick or disabled
- Out of the county during early voting and on Election Day
- Expecting to give birth within 3 weeks before or after Election Day
- In jail, but otherwise eligible to vote.

To vote by mail in Texas, you must return your application at least 11 days before the election. Find the application at [VoteTexas.gov](https://VoteTexas.gov).

### Annual Application

To receive ballots by mail for the entire calendar year, check the box that says Annual Application in section 4. You must be 65 or older or have a disability to check this option.

Open this pocket guide to learn how to fill out your mail ballot and envelopes.

**Still have questions?**  
County Election Office  
Visit [bit.ly/TXcountycontact](https://bit.ly/TXcountycontact)  
TX Secretary of State Office  
800-252-VOTE  
[VoteTexas.gov](https://VoteTexas.gov)  
Election Protection Hotline  
866-687-8683  
[866ourvote.org](https://866ourvote.org)  
**Track your ballot**  
[VoteTexas.gov](https://VoteTexas.gov)  
**Learn more about voting by mail**  
[lwtexas.org](https://lwtexas.org)  
[VOTE411.org](https://VOTE411.org)

## What should I do if...

Call your County Election Office for their best advice. Find their contact information at [bit.ly/TXcountycontact](https://bit.ly/TXcountycontact)

### I lost my ballot. What should I do?

Vote in person instead. You will vote provisionally, which is a secure alternative to voting a regular ballot.

### I made a mistake on my ballot. What should I do?

Vote in person instead. Take your Ballot-by-Mail with you to the polling station and give it to the voting clerk. You will be allowed to vote on a regular ballot.

### Can I vote in person after I've already requested or received a mail ballot?

Yes. Bring your mail ballot to your polling place. Find your polling place at [VoteTexas.gov](https://VoteTexas.gov).

### I never received my ballot. What should I do?

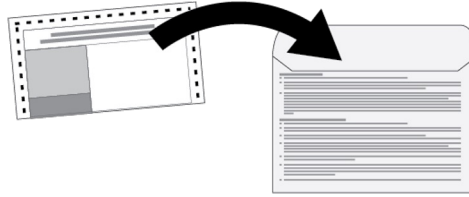
It takes at least 7 days to process a mail ballot application. Ballots are mailed starting about a month before Election Day. Check the status of your ballot at [VoteTexas.gov](https://VoteTexas.gov) "Track my Ballot". If you haven't received your ballot, call your County Election Official.

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## 1. Vote

Follow the instructions on your ballot. Use a blue or black pen. Fill in the ovals completely.

## 2. Seal your ballot in the Ballot Envelope



## 3. Pack your Carrier Envelope

Place your Ballot Envelope in the Carrier Envelope.

Fill out all required information.

Then seal your Carrier Envelope.

**Fill out your ID numbers under the Carrier Envelope flap.**

- Your TX Drivers License or TX Personal ID number
- AND**
- The last 4 digits of your Social Security number

**Seal Here**  
To check the status of your mail ballot, visit

**Seal Here**

**Required Information:**  
Your TX Drivers License or TX Personal ID number  
The last 4 digits of your Social Security number  
XX-XXX-XXXX

**Contact Information (Información de contacto):** Phone (Teléfono):  
Email (Correo Electrónico):

**Oath of Person Assisting Voter:**  
If you are an assistant, provide information below:

**Instructions to witness:**

**Your contact information** so the County Election Office can contact you if there is an issue with your mail ballot.

**Seal the envelope** top and bottom. Then **sign your name** over the flap.

**If somebody helped you complete your ballot,** make sure they complete the assistant section.

**If you're unable to sign or make a mark,** make sure your witness completes the witness section.

## 4. Return your ballot

Return your mail ballot as soon as possible.

Track your ballot at [VoteTexas.gov](https://VoteTexas.gov)



**Mail your ballot.** Postage is required. In most cases, your ballot must be received by 7pm on Election Day. If your ballot is received the day after Election Day, it will be counted as long as it was postmarked by Election Day.

- Find your Early Voting Clerk's address at [VoteTexas.gov](https://VoteTexas.gov)
- You can mail your ballot by US Postal Service, FedEx, UPS, or DHL.



**Deliver your ballot in person** to your County Election Office while polls are open on Election Day. You must deliver your own mail ballot. You will be asked to show your photo ID.