

Vote by Mail FAQ

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- Vote by Mail
 1. What is Vote by Mail?
 - Vote by Mail means that every registered voter in the City of Rockville will receive a ballot by mail.
 2. Why is Rockville using Vote by Mail?
 - Our goal is to make it easier for everyone to vote by getting the ballots to you rather than having you come to the ballot.
 3. How do I vote?
 - After you receive your ballot in the mail, just follow the instructions provided with your ballot. To return your ballot you can either:
 1. Use the postage-paid return envelope included with your ballot or,
 2. Drop your ballot in the Election Drop Box at City Hall (located at 111 Maryland Ave.).
 4. What are the important dates I should know?
 - Your ballot will be in the mail October 6-11, 2019
 - Voter Registration deadline is October 11, 2019 (Your completed ballot is due by 8 p.m. on November 5, 2019 (City Hall will be open for balloting on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
 - Election Day is November 5, 2019
 5. Do I need to do anything to make sure I receive a ballot?
 - Make sure you are registered to vote, and your address is current.
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/index2.html>
 - Check that your Rockville address is within the corporate limits of the City of Rockville www.rockvillemd.gov/elections
 6. Did you get a postcard?
 - On March 1st the city of Rockville sent out a postcard to all households informing residents about the upcoming elections. If you **did not** receive this postcard, please check to make sure that your address and voter registration is up to date.
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/index2.html>
- Registration
 1. Who can vote?
 - To be eligible to vote in a City of Rockville election, a person must be:
 - A citizen of the United States.
 - At least 18 years old on Election Day (in 2019, Election Day is November 5)
 - Registered to vote in Maryland or in the City of Rockville.
 - A resident of the City of Rockville. To find out if you are a resident of the City of Rockville (Not all Rockville address are in the City of Rockville) go to www.rockvillemd.gov/elections
 2. Do I have to register to vote in Rockville if I'm already registered to vote in statewide elections?



No, if you are registered to vote in the State of Maryland at your City of Rockville address, you are automatically registered to vote in the City of Rockville election. Not sure if your Rockville address is in the City of Rockville? Go to www.rockvillemd.gov/elections

3. How do I register?

- You may register:
 1. Online at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/index2.html>
 2. [At the City Clerk's Office in City Hall](#). 111 Maryland Ave, Rockville, MD, 20850
 3. [At the Montgomery County Board of Elections](#). 18753 N Frederick Ave #210, Gaithersburg, MD 20879.
- If you register online or at the County Board of Elections, you will automatically be registered to vote in both statewide and City of Rockville elections. If you register at City Hall, you have the option of registering for both state and City of Rockville elections or for city elections only.

4. How can I find out if my Rockville address is in the City of Rockville?

- Go to www.rockvillemd.gov/elections and enter your street address. Or you may call the Vote by Mail Hot Line (240-314-8286) or send an email (with your street address) to elections@rockvillemd.gov. **Important:** A Rockville address only means that your mail is delivered by a Rockville post office. **Postal boundaries and city boundaries are not always the same.**

5. What if I will not be at my residence during the election period?

- If you will not be at your residence when ballots are mailed (ballots will be mailed out one month before the election), for example, if you will be in college or on assignment for your job, you can fill out the Alternative Address Ballot Delivery Form (which you can find here <http://rockvillemd.gov/1350/Register-to-Vote>) or call (240-314-8286), or email elections@rockvillemd.gov to provide an alternative address where you want your ballot mailed.

6. What is the deadline to submit an alternative address?

- You should provide the alternative address as soon as you know you will not be at your residence when ballots are mailed. If this is not possible, you must submit your alternative address by September 20, 2019. The last date the city can mail the ballots out will be October 30, 2019, which is seven days before the election (City Code Section 8-42 (a)5).

- **Security**

1. **What about privacy issues raised by having to sign the outside of the return envelope?**
 - **The return envelope includes a security flap that hides your signature.**
2. **Can I use my own envelope to mail in my ballot?**
 - **No. You must use the return envelope we provide.**
3. **Why not just let us vote via computer or Smartphone?**
 - **Great question! The answer is one word: **Security**. Electronic voting is not secure.**

