



TIPS FOR VOTING IN MICHIGAN

1. REGISTER TO VOTE

Before you can fill out a ballot, make sure you are registered to vote. In Michigan, you are eligible to register if:



- You are a Michigan resident (at the time you register) and a resident of your city or township for at least 30 days.
- You are a United States citizen.
- You will be 18 years old by Election Day.
- You are not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison (you may register if you are awaiting arraignment or trial or have been released from jail or prison).

You can register in-person on or before Election Day and by mail/online at least 15 days before Election Day.

[For a step-by-step guide to registering, click here!](#)

2. STUDY YOUR BALLOT

Want to know who is running to become your next state representative? Your next county prosecutor or city commissioner? Have questions about a new ballot initiative or local millage proposal?

It is important to stay informed and know who or what you are voting for before filling out your ballot. Get familiar with the names of those on your ballot. Research the platforms and positions for which candidates and incumbents are running.

Engage with others and ask questions about issues important to you. Attend digital meetings or events to hear about issues that matter to others in your neighborhood. Being an informed voter is just as important as voting itself.



Want to know what is on your ballot? Visit [VOTE411.org Voter Guide!](https://www.vote411.org)

3. VOTING IN PERSON

If you are planning to vote in person, make sure you are prepared before you go!

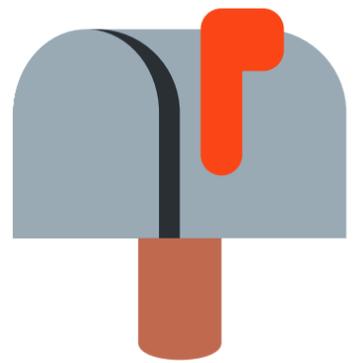


- You need a valid form of photo ID (i.e. a driver's license, passport, tribal ID with photo, etc.). If you do not have one, do not worry! You can still vote by signing a brief form before you vote that explains you do not have an ID.
- Can't remember where your polling station is located? Visit [Michigan's SOS website](#) to find out!
- A Voter Assist Terminal is available for those needing assistance. You can explore the [types of equipment and assistance tools](#) in your county before you vote! Check out this [interactive map](#) to see what your county uses.
- Be sure to follow all local and state public health and safety guidelines while at the polls.

4. VOTING BY MAIL

Voting by mail is safe, secure, and accurate. It is available to any and all Michigan voters. To vote by mail:

- Complete an application for an absent voter ballot or accessible absent voter ballot. You can do so by mail or online. When filling out the application, if you check the box to be added to the permanent absent voter list, you'll get an application mailed to you before every election.
- Once you receive your ballot, follow the directions and return the ballot in the security envelopes.



Even if you apply to vote by mail, you can change your mind and vote in person. And remember, you do not need a reason to apply for and receive an absent voter ballot! For more information about voting by mail, [click here!](#)

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

If you have a past conviction, are on parole, or are on probation, **you can vote.**

If you are in or out of jail waiting to be sentenced, **you can vote.**

If you are a student attending school or still registered at home in Michigan **you can vote.**

If you are a voter with a disability, accommodations must be made so **you can vote** in person or at home using an accessible absent voter ballot.

If you do not read or write English or a ballot is not available in your language, **you can vote** and have the right to choose someone to assist you.

If you make a mistake or a polling machine rejects your ballot, **you can vote** by asking for a new ballot.

If you are harassed, intimidated, or prevented from voting, contact your local city or township clerk, or an Election Protection hotline.

