



Options for voters using mail-in ballots

If you have applied for a mail-in ballot, you can vote several ways

If you have received your mail-in ballot:

- You can complete your mail-in ballot and return it via U.S. Mail (United States Postal Service) to your election authority (the address for your election authority will be on the envelope that comes with the ballot).
- You can complete your mail-in ballot and deposit it in a secure mail drop box. Here are locations for Chicago Voters: [Chicago Drop Box sites](#) and Cook County voters: [Cook County Mail Ballot Drop Box sites](#). For other counties in Illinois, check your county's election board website for locations of drop boxes.
- You can still vote in person at an early-voting site or on November 3rd at your local polling place, even if you have received a mail-in ballot. To do so, take your mail-in ballot to the early-voting site or your polling place on Election Day (November 3rd) and surrender it in exchange for a *regular* ballot. Do not use a provisional ballot. If the poll worker will only give you a provisional ballot, call 1-866-OUR VOTE for assistance before using any provisional ballot.
- If you have mailed your ballot to your local election authority, but the election authority has not received it, you should track your ballot (click here for [Chicago voters](#), here for [Cook County voters](#), or contact your local election authority. If your ballot is postmarked by November 3 and received by November 17, it will still be counted.
***If the election authority suggests that there is a problem with them receiving your ballot on time, you can vote in person if you complete an affidavit affirming these facts. You should be given a regular ballot in that situation. Do not use a provisional ballot. If the poll worker will only give you a provisional ballot, call 1-866-OUR VOTE for assistance.

If you have NOT received your mail-in ballot:

- You should check on the status of your mail-in ballot request by clicking here for [Chicago voters](#), here for [Cook County voters](#), or by contacting your local election authority; then you can decide whether to wait for the mail-in ballot to arrive, or
- If you want to vote in person instead, you can go to your early-voting site before Election Day or to your polling place on Election Day (November 3) and request to vote in-person, using a regular ballot. You will need to complete an affidavit stating that you

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applied for, but have not received, your mail-in ballot. After you complete the affidavit, the poll worker should provide you with a regular ballot to cast. Do not use a provisional ballot. If the poll worker will only give you a provisional ballot, call 1-866-OUR VOTE for assistance before using any provisional ballot.

What if I am told differently when at my polling place?

Do not vote provisionally or leave the polling place before speaking with an Election Protector worker. Instead, call the Election Protection hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE / 888-VE-Y-VOTA/ 888 API-VOTE / 844-YALLA-US.