

VOTE BY MAIL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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How can I apply for a vote by mail ballot?

To apply for vote by mail you must be a registered voter in Salt Lake County. You may download a vote by mail application at our website. An application must be completed and returned before a ballot can be mailed. You may mail, fax or email your application to the Clerk's Office. You have the option of voting by mail for a single election or on a permanent basis.

Your application must be received in the Clerk's Office no later than the Thursday prior to an election.

What if I move?

If you have moved within Salt Lake County just call our office during business hours. You may update your address online by completing a new registration form at our website. A mail-in form is available at our website as well.

Can I pick up a ballot for a neighbor, child or parent?

Ballots must be mailed to a registered voters' residential or mailing address. We cannot give ballots to anyone other than the voter.

When will I receive my ballot?

Ballots are mailed approximately 30 days before an election. *Ballots cannot be forwarded by the post office.*

What if I lose (or never receive) my ballot?

If you have not received your ballot within two weeks after they are mailed, call our office. Your voter registration will be checked to ensure that the information is correct. If the address is correct, a replacement ballot will be sent. If your information has changed, your registration will need to be updated and a new ballot will be sent.

When must my ballot be returned?

Ballots must be received in the election office or a designated drop site by 8:00 on election night. Ballots that are mailed must have a postmark no later than the Monday before the election.

How do I mark my ballot?

****Use a black or blue ball point pen. Completely fill in the oval.****

Follow directions carefully

Read the entire ballot **before** filling it out

Remove the stub on the top of the ballot

Sign the voter affidavit on the back of the return envelope

Lost or damaged ballots can be replaced by contacting the Election Office.

What if I make a mistake marking my ballot?

Cross through the incorrect oval and name. Fill in the correct oval. Circle both the oval and the name of the correct choice. ***Make your intent clear. Remember! Do not sign or initial your ballot!***

Can two ballots be returned in the same envelope?

No! There should only be one ballot in each envelope. We must have an affidavit for each ballot.

Do I have to return my ballot by mail?

No. Ballots may also be returned to any early voting location, any polling location or at our office.

Why do I need to sign the ballot affidavit on the envelope?

This confirms the voter's identity.

What if my signature has changed?

Complete a new registration form and submit it to Salt Lake County Election Division. An online application as well as a mail-in form can be found on our website. If you do not have internet access, forms are found at post offices, libraries and our office.

What if I forgot to sign the affidavit on the envelope before I sealed it?

If you are not sure whether you signed your affidavit, sign the outside of the envelope.

What if I signed another voter's affidavit?

Cross off the wrong signature and sign the correct affidavit. If the envelope has already been sealed, you may sign the outside of the envelope.

I am unable to sign my ballot affidavit. Can someone else sign for me?

If a voter is unable to sign, they only need to make a mark ('X') for their ballot to count. The mark must be witnessed and the witness must sign the affidavit.

*Individuals with power of attorney **cannot** sign the ballot affidavit for the voter.*

How do I check the status of my ballot?

You may track your ballot by visiting our web address or by calling our office.

What if I want to vote at my polling location?

Take your ballot and return envelope with you to the polling location. Give your un-voted, unsigned ballot and envelope to a poll worker.

I am a US citizen living overseas or serving in the military. Am I eligible to vote?

Salt Lake County citizens who are either temporarily or permanently overseas and all active military personnel, including their spouses and dependents, are eligible to vote by absentee ballot under The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens and Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) and Utah law. You can find an application to vote by visiting www.fvap.gov. Complete, sign and submit the application to our office by mail, fax or email.

When are overseas and military ballots mailed?

Military and overseas ballots are sent 45 days prior to an election. We will continue to send ballots until Thursday before the election.

Military and overseas voters may receive their ballot via email.

I need an emergency ballot. What do I do?

This is for registered voters who have been admitted to a hospital or care facility that still want to vote and the deadline to vote by mail has passed.

Please call our office.

Are there circumstances under which a voter can be required to vote a mail-in ballot?

Yes. Some cities have chosen to conduct their entire election by mail for 2013. There are also some precincts which have been designated as vote by mail precincts. The Clerk's Office will automatically send a ballot to all active voters within these jurisdictions.

How do I remove my name from the permanent vote by mail list?

Just call our office and ask to be removed. You may also mail, fax or email your request.