

## VOTING BEFORE ELECTION DAY—BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

- No reason needed to request an absentee ballot
- Request an application from local clerk (by phone, letter or in-person) or download at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote)
- Application and ballot can be returned by mail or placed in a dropbox
- Be sure to follow absentee ballot instructions and sign the return envelope
- Your signature must match your signature on file. If your signature has changed, contact your clerk to have a new signature put on file
- Your application and ballot can be tracked at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote)
- Postage to return application and/or ballot will be prepaid
- Absentee ballots must be returned to clerk's office by 8 p.m. on Election Day

## VOTING BEFORE ELECTION DAY—BY EARLY VOTING

- At least 9 days (8 hours per day) of early voting is required for all state and federal elections.
- Municipalities can offer more than 9 days and/or offer early voting for other elections (local, special)
- Municipalities can partner with other municipalities to offer early voting. If they do, the EVS may be different from regular election day location
- Early Voting Sites (EVS), days and hours can be found at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote)

## DO I NEED A PHOTO ID TO VOTE?

**NO!** You will be asked for a photo ID when you go to vote. If you have it, you must show it to the poll worker. If you do not have a photo ID or you do not have it with you, you can sign an "Affidavit of Voter Not In Possession of Photo ID" and vote.

## Resources: where to look for help

- ★ [www.MichiganVoting.org](http://www.MichiganVoting.org)
- ★ [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote) Michigan Voter Information Center
- ★ [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org) Online nonpartisan voter guide
- ★ Voter Advocacy Groups (League of Women Voters, ACLU, NAACP)
- ★ Your local or county clerk's office
- ★ Election Protection Hotline 866OurVote.org
- ★ [www.lwvflintarea.org](http://www.lwvflintarea.org)
- ★ [lwvflintarea@gmail.com](mailto:lwvflintarea@gmail.com)



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN  
VOTERS  
OF THE FLINT AREA**  
(serving Genesee, Lapeer & Tuscola Counties)

# VOTER INFORMATION 2024

**Working to Preserve, Protect & Promote  
Voting Rights  
& Civic Engagement**

# Voting Rights

- **Citizens may register to vote up to and including Election Day**
- **Voting before Election Day by absentee ballot for ALL registered voters** (no reason needed)
- **Nine days of early voting for all state and federal elections**
- **Drop boxes in all jurisdictions** (see [michigan.gov/vote](http://michigan.gov/vote) for locations)
- **Online voter registration for those with valid Michigan driver's license or state ID**
- **Automatic Voter Registration for those who conduct business with Secretary of State**
- **Straight party voting as an option**
- **Mandated Election Audits** (statewide elections)
- **Secret Ballot** guaranteed
- **Military/Overseas ballots counted** if postmarked by election day and received within 6 days
- **Paid rides to polls no longer prohibited**
- **Clerk offices open** at least 8 hours the weekend before Election Day
- **All polling places** must be accessible and have a Voter Assist Terminal (VAT) that has many options to help you vote

# VOTER REGISTRATION

## You can register to vote if:

- You are a U.S Citizen
- You are (or will be) a resident of Michigan and the city or township where you want to register to vote for at least 30 days by Election Day
- You are 17.5 years of age (You must be 18 to vote on Election Day)
- You are not serving a sentence in jail or prison

## You can pre-register to vote if:

- You are 16 years old but not 17.5 years old
- You meet all the other qualifications listed above

## What if I'm a student?

- You can register to vote either at your school address or home address
- Michigan requires your voter address and your license/state ID address match.

## What if I am incarcerated or have been convicted of a crime?

- Only persons who are currently incarcerated and serving a sentence are prohibited from voting
- You can register and vote if you are on probation, on parole or awaiting sentencing
- Your right to vote is automatically restored when you are released from incarceration. However, it will be restored at the address you were previously registered to vote.

## What about someone who is homeless?

- If you don't have a home, you can register to vote using a street corner, park, shelter or any other place where you usually stay
- You will need to provide a mailing address where you can receive mail (such as your voter ID card)

## How Do I Register?

- **Automatic** when you get or renew your driver's license or state ID
- **Online** at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote)
- **When applying for services at state agencies** that provide public assistance
- **By mail:** complete an application and mail to your local clerk
- **At a Voter Registration Drive**
- **In person:** at any Secretary of State office, or your city/township or county clerk's office.

**\*\* If registering within 14 days of an election, registration is required to be in-person at your local clerk's office with proof of residency**