How do I vote and return my mail-in or absentee ballot?

Below are general steps on how to vote, prepare, and return your mail ballot. Be sure to follow the instructions included with your ballot. Contact your county election office if you have any questions.

Under Pennsylvania law, voters must return their own ballots. The only exceptions to this are for voters with a disability who have designated someone in writing to deliver their ballot.

Step 1:



Read the instructions carefully and mark your ballot. Be sure to complete the front and back of each page.

Step 2:



Seal your ballot in the inner secrecy envelope that indicates "official election ballot." Do not make any marks on the inner secrecy envelope.

Your ballot must be enclosed and sealed in the inner secrecy envelope that indicates "official election ballot" or it will not be counted.

Step 3:



Seal the inner secrecy envelope in the pre-addressed outer return envelope. Complete, sign and date the voter's declaration on the outside of the outer return envelope.

If you do not sign and date below the declaration on the return envelope your ballot will not be counted.

Step 4:



Return your voted ballot to the county election board. Absentee and Mail-in Ballots must be <u>received</u> by 8 pm on election day at your county election board. To

ensure your ballot is received by the deadline, return the ballot as soon as possible.

- 1. You can mail your ballot.
 - Using the return envelope supplied with your ballot, make sure
 you use the proper postage (if needed) and that it <u>arrives</u> to your
 county election board by 8 pm on election day. **Postmarks do**not count. If your ballot is not received by the county election
 board by 8 pm on election day, it will not be counted
- 2. You can hand-deliver your ballot before 8 pm on election day to your:
 - county election office or
 - other officially designated site
 - Some counties are providing **drop-boxes** for mail ballots.