HOW DO I VOTE ABSENTEE?

1. Register to Vote
You must be registered to vote in order for your absentee ballot application to be honored. You can obtain Voter Registration Applications by contacting the Registrars of Voters Office at (860) 647-3025, or via the Secretary of the States website: https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do. All completed forms should be mailed to: Registrars of Voters, 479 Main Street, PO Box 191, Manchester, CT 06045-0191. You may confirm your voter registration status online at https://portaldir.ct.gov/sots/lookUp.aspx or by contacting the Registrar’s Office.

2. Obtain an Application to vote by Absentee Ballot
The State will send all registered voters an absentee ballot application on a rolling basis between Tuesday, September 8th, and Friday, September 11th. If a voter needs to submit an application sooner or does not receive one by the end of September, it is available on the Town’s website under the Town Clerk’s election page. It is also available in Spanish at myvote.ct.gov/absentee.

*If you submitted an application for the November election that listed the Primary election date, this application cannot be accepted. Please submit a new application that lists the November election date.

3. Fill Out & Submit Your Application
If a voter would like to vote by absentee ballot instead of voting at the polls, they must complete, sign and return the original application to the Town Clerk’s Office ASAP. Applications may be mailed to the Town Clerk’s Office or left in the white official ballot drop box. If you choose to mail-in your application, please allow adequate time for two-way mail service. If you're unable to allow for adequate mail time, we encourage you to leave your application in the secure drop box.
WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR BALLOT ARRIVES

On **October 2nd** the ballots become available to be issued. The Town Clerk's office will begin mailing out the actual ballots beginning October 2nd to voters who requested an absentee ballot by application.

Once the ballot is received by the voter, we ask that voters carefully read and follow the instructions including:

- Filling in your choice on the ballot
- Inserting the voted ballot into, **signing and sealing the inner B envelope**
- Inserting the inner B envelope into the return C envelope

The voter must complete and return to the Town Clerk's office ASAP. Mail to the office or drop in the official white ballot drop box. **Ballots received after election day will not be counted.** If you are choosing to mail-in your ballot, please allow adequate time for to-way mail service.

Where are Manchester's drop boxes located?
The Official Ballot Drop Box is white and is located to the front southwest corner of Town Hall, set where the front walkway begins and at the entrance between the Town Hall and the Fire Station. (41 Center Street, Manchester, CT 06040).