

# How to Return Your Ballot By Mail in Texas

## Who can vote by mail?

You can vote by mail if you are:

- 65 years or older
- Sick or disabled
- Out of the county during early voting and on Election Day
- Expecting to give birth within 3 weeks before or after Election Day
- In jail, but otherwise eligible to vote.

Your application must be received at least 11 days before the election. Find the application at [VoteTexas.gov](https://VoteTexas.gov).

### Annual Application

To receive ballots by mail for the calendar year, check the box that says Annual Application in section 4. You must be 65 or older or have a disability for this option. **In even years**, mark the Primary AND Any Resulting Runoff you want to vote in.

Open this pocket guide to learn how to fill out your mail ballot and envelopes.



## Still have questions?

Fort Bend County Elections Administration Office  
4520 Reading Rd., Ste. A-400  
Rosenberg, TX 77471  
(281) 341-8670  
**Mailing Address:** 301 Jackson St., Richmond, TX 77469

TX Secretary of State Office  
800-252-VOTE  
[VoteTexas.gov](https://VoteTexas.gov)

Election Protection Hotline / Problem at the polls?

Call or Text 866-687-8683

[866ourvote.org](https://866ourvote.org)

**SPANISH/ENGLISH** 888-VE-Y-VOTA / [888-839-8682](https://888-839-8682)

**ASIAN LANGUAGES/ENGLISH** 888-API-VOTE /

[888-274-8683](https://888-274-8683)

**ARABIC/ENGLISH** 844-YALLA-US / [844-925-5287](https://844-925-5287)

**Track your application and your ballot**

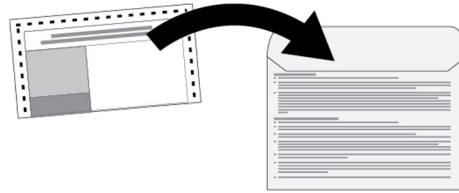
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# How to return your ballot by mail in Texas

## 1. Vote

Follow the instructions on your ballot. Use a blue or black pen. Fill in the ovals completely.

## 2. Seal your ballot in the Ballot Envelope



## 3. Pack your Carrier Envelope

Place your Ballot Envelope in the Carrier Envelope.

Fill out all required information.

Then seal your Carrier Envelope.

**Fill out your ID numbers under the Carrier Envelope flap.**

- Your TX Drivers License or TX Personal ID number **AND**
- The last 4 digits of your Social Security number

A diagram of a Carrier Envelope with various sections for information. The sections include: 'Required Information' (Your TX Drivers License or TX Personal ID number, The last 4 digits of your Social Security number), 'Contact Information' (Phone, Email), 'Oath of Person Assisting Voter', 'If you are an assistant, provide information below', and 'Instructions to witness'. Arrows point to specific fields with instructions.

**Your contact information** so the County Election Office can contact you if there is an issue with your mail ballot.

After sealing the envelope, **sign your name** over the edge of the envelope flap.

**If somebody helped you complete your ballot,** make sure they complete the assistant section.

**If you're unable to sign or make a mark,** make sure your witness completes the witness section.

## 4. Return your ballot

Return your mail ballot as soon as possible.

Track your ballot at [VoteTexas.gov](https://VoteTexas.gov)



**Mail your ballot.** Postage is required. In most cases, your ballot must be received by 7pm on Election Day. If your ballot is received the day after Election Day, it will be counted as long as it was **postmarked** by Election Day.

- Find your Early Voting Clerk's address at [VoteTexas.gov](https://VoteTexas.gov)
- You can mail your ballot by US Postal Service, Fed Ex, UPS, or DHL.



**Deliver your ballot in person** to your County Election Office while polls are open on Election Day. You must deliver your own mail ballot. You will be asked to show your photo ID.