

# There are three ways to vote. It's your choice.



## 1. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT

### STEP ONE: APPLY FOR A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT

Applications for a vote-by-mail ballot can **NOW** be submitted **ONLINE** or **BY MAIL** no more than 7 days prior to election day. Visit NJ Division of Elections for more information.

### STEP TWO: VOTE AND RETURN YOUR BALLOT.

When your ballot arrives, read it carefully and follow the instructions. Ballots can be returned one of three ways:

**USPS Mail.** Your vote-by-mail ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day and must be received by the Essex Board of Elections on or before 6 days after Election Day.

**Essex County Board of Election Office.** Ballots can be returned to the Election Office located at 495 Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, Dr. Martin Luther King Justice Building Room 145 Newark, NJ 07102 by 8:00PM on Election Day.

**Secure Ballot Box Location:** Return your vote-by-mail ballot to one of Essex County's secure ballot drop boxes by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

## 2. IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING

All registered voters have the option to vote in person at ANY of the **11 Early Voting Locations** in Essex County for the General Election on **November 3rd, 2026**

### EARLY VOTING SITES

**October 24th - November 1st**

**Monday—Saturday  
10:00am - 8:00pm**

**Sunday 10:00am - 6:00pm**

- 1. Watsessing Park Community Center**  
Bloomfield Ave. and Conger St., Bloomfield, NJ
- 2. East Orange City Hall**  
44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange, NJ
- 3. Fairfield Community Center**  
221 Hollywood Ave, Fairfield, NJ
- 4. Irvington Municipal Building**  
1 Civic Square West, Irvington, NJ
- 5. Wally Choice Community Center**  
49 Maple Avenue, Montclair, NJ
- 6. Cherry Blossom Welcome Center**  
Branch Brook Park, Newark NJ
- 7. Essex County Complex Parking Garage**  
West Market Street Entrance, Newark, NJ
- 8. Weequahic Park Community Center**  
Meeker and Elizabeth Ave, Newark, NJ
- 9. West Side Park Community Center**  
600 17th Street, Newark, NJ
- 10. Verona Community Center**  
880 Bloomfield Ave, Verona, NJ
- 11. Berson Family Center, South Mountain Complex**  
560 Northfield Ave, West Orange NJ

## 3. ELECTION DAY

**Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.**

To find your nearest polling location:

1. Refer to your sample ballot
2. Visit the NJ Division of Elections website:

[www.voter.svrs.nj.gov/polling-place-search](http://www.voter.svrs.nj.gov/polling-place-search)

### Important Contact Information:

Essex County Clerk  
495 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
Suite 130  
Newark, NJ 07102  
973-621-4922

Essex County Board of Elections  
495 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
Suite 145  
Newark, NJ 07102  
973-621-5070

Superintendent of Elections  
Commissioner of Registration  
495 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
Suite 103  
Newark, NJ 07102  
973-621-5061



## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q.** What should I do if I accidentally sealed my envelope and forget to enclose my ballot?

**A.** **DO NOT THROW OUT YOUR BALLOT.** Contact the County Clerk's office at (973) 621-4922 to arrange for a replacement envelope to be sent to you.

**Q.** How do I return my Vote-By-Mail ballot?

**A.** Your ballot will include a return postage-paid envelope, **(no stamp necessary)** which will be included in the VBM Ballot packet that you will receive. You may mail your ballot through the US Postal Service. You also may deposit your ballot in one of the "secure mail drop boxes" located throughout the county that has daily pick-up or you or a bearer of your ballot may deliver your ballot directly to the Board of Elections at the MLK Justice Building, 495 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Suite 145 in Newark.

**Q.** How do I confirm that my Vote-By-Mail ballot was received?

**A.** To track the acceptance of your Vote-By-Mail ballot, please visit the New Jersey Division of Election website at <https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/vote-track-my-ballot.shtml>.

**Q.** What should I do if I do not receive my Vote-By-Mail ballot or if it is lost or destroyed?

**A.** If your VBM Ballot is lost, damaged, or you do not believe that you have received it, you may request a duplicate from the County Clerk's Office by completing via mail or email a **2nd ballot request** form which can be found on the Clerk's website; [www.essexclerk.com](http://www.essexclerk.com).

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**Q.** What is the deadline for returning my Vote-By-Mail ballot?

**A.** If you are using the US Postal Service, the ballot must be postmarked on or before **November 3rd, 2026** and received by the **Board of Elections November 9th, 2026** to be considered valid and to be counted.

If you are using one of the "secure mail drop boxes", the deadline for delivering your ballot is **8:00 pm on November 3rd, 2026**. Please visit the Board of Elections website [www.essexboardofelections.com](http://www.essexboardofelections.com) for drop box locations.

If you are delivering your ballot in-person, you may deliver your completed ballot to the Board of Elections Office up until 8 pm on November 3rd; the night of the General Election.

**Q.** How can I find my polling location information?

**A.** Please visit the New Jersey Division of Elections website at <https://nj.gov/state/elections/vote-polling-location.shtml> or contact the Clerk's Office at (973) 621-4922.

**Q.** What are important dates to remember?

**General Election - November 3, 2026**

**Last day for registration & transfer - October 13, 2026**

**Last day to apply for a VBM Ballot by mail -**

**October 27, 2026**

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# 2026 ESSEX COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION VOTING GUIDE

**For the offices of...**  
**U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress,**  
**County Executive, all County**  
**Commissioners,**  
**Municipal Offices, and**  
**School Boards.**

Dear Essex County Voter:

Enclosed are instructions on how to vote in the 2026 General Election. You can choose to vote by mail, vote early, or vote on Election Day. **Make your plan today!**

Sincerely,

*Christopher J. Durkin*

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Essex County Clerk

Essex County  
**VOTES!**

