VOTER 101 *– Email / Newsletter Language*

Election email templates:

(Long) Register to vote (key dates + FAQs)

Subject: Make sure you're registered to vote

Hi all,

_____ is sharing a few nonpartisan reminders this election season, using information from the Vermont Secretary of State's Office, the state's official source for voting.

The first step is making sure you're registered. To be eligible, you must be a U.S. citizen, a Vermont resident, and 18 by Election Day. There are three ways to register: online at olvr.vermont.gov, by mailing a voter registration form to your town clerk, or in person at your town clerk's office. Registering by mail or online for the first time requires a copy of a valid photo ID, bank statement, utility bill, or government document. If you're already registered but have recently moved, just update your address at vote.vermont.gov.

Key dates:

- Primary Election: Tuesday, August 11, 2026. Polls close at 7:00 p.m.
- General Election: Tuesday, November 3, 2026. Polls close at 7:00 p.m.
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A few common questions:

- Do I have to register ahead of time? No. Vermont has same-day registration, so you can register and vote on Election Day itself. Registering early still saves time.
- Can I vote by mail? In the General Election, ballots are mailed automatically to every active registered voter. In the August Primary, you must request a mail ballot at vote.vermont.gov.
- I'm not sure if I'm registered. You can check your status anytime at vote.vermont.gov.

Registration, address updates, sample ballots, and polling-place look-up are all in one place: vote.vermont.gov.

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Not sure if you're registered, or want to vote by mail? Check your status, request a ballot, and find your polling place at vote.vermont.gov.

Specific Topics

Registering to vote

Registering in Vermont is straightforward. To be eligible you must be a U.S. citizen, a Vermont resident, and 18 by Election Day. There are three ways to register: mail a voter registration form to your town clerk, register in person at their office, or register online at vote.vermont.gov. Registering by mail or online for the first time requires a copy of a valid photo ID, bank statement, utility bill, or government document. Already registered but recently moved? Just update your address at vote.vermont.gov.

The Vermont Voter Portal

Most of what you need sits in one place: vote.vermont.gov. There you can check your registration, update your address, request an absentee ballot and track its status, find your town clerk, locate your polling place, and view a sample ballot. This fall it is also where you will find your General Election Voter Guide. If you visit one election website this year, make it this one.

Accessible voting

Vermont offers many options to make voting accessible. At the polls, you can use the "Omniballot" tablet accessible voting system, or request that a ballot be delivered to your home by two Justices of the Peace. You can also access your ballot online through My Voter Page, print it, and return it to the town clerk. In the booth, you may bring a person of your choice for assistance (not an employer or union representative), a magnifying glass or other device, or a list of candidates. Make a mistake? Ask for a fresh ballot, up to three. You can also ask an election official to help mark your ballot or bring one to your car. Details at vote.vermont.gov.

Track your ballot

If you vote by mail, you do not have to wonder whether your ballot made it. Through My Voter Page at vote.vermont.gov, you can track your absentee ballot, see when the clerk received it, and fix any issue if one comes up.

Election security facts

Questions about election security deserve straight answers, and the Secretary of State's Office offers several worth passing along. Voter fraud of any kind is incredibly rare; the odds of getting caught are practically certain and the penalties severe. Voting by mail is just as secure as voting in person. Vote tabulators cannot be hacked, because they

are airgapped, backed by a paper trail, and checked by post-election audits. And election-night results are, by design, incomplete and unofficial, so shifts between those early numbers and the final certified results are normal and expected. More at sos.vermont.gov. For a short explainer, view an election security video here: https://youtu.be/E2TKdTs0o6I?si=BN8TWMGPcdiKHVv8

Voting in Vermont video (with ASL)

New to voting in Vermont, or want a refresher? We have a short video overview of the whole process, from registering to voting! ASL interpretation inset.
https://youtu.be/GbEHaCTm9xg

Voting in Vermont (with translations)

We partnered with the Vermont Language Justice Project to create a playlist of translated "Voting in Vermont" videos – available in 14 languages. https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0uaGz81U--6t3yJ5NTqXwuIhzC_17aL2&si=oEIUSeLTHEwOLtBJ

Follow for trusted information

Election season brings a lot of information, not all of it reliable. For the accurate version, follow the Secretary of State's Office on Instagram at @vtsecretaryofstate and on Facebook as Vermont Secretary of State, under #TrustedInfo2026.