

Burlington Election Frequently Asked Questions

How Do I Register to Vote? What is the Deadline?

You can register to vote anytime from now through Election Day. You have a few options for registration:

- Online: Visit <u>olvr.vermont.gov/</u>
- Paper Form: this can be brought to the Burlington Clerk/Treasurer's Office or sent by mail sos.vermont.gov/media/nesb43yw/2017-voter-app.pdf
- In Person: Go to the Clerk Treasurer's Office, 149 Church Street, Burlington, VT 05401. Call (802) 865-7000 for office hours.
- Day of the Election: At the voting location for your voting district (or "ward")

If you are registering to vote in Vermont for the first time by mail or online, you must include a photocopy of an acceptable form of ID. Acceptable forms of ID are:

- Valid photo ID (driver's license or passport)
- Current utility bill
- Current bank statement
- Another government document

How Do I Confirm I'm Registered to Vote?

Search Burlington's Voter Checklist on the Vermont Secretary of State's Web Site at <u>mvp.vermont.gov</u> to verify your registration and voting district (or ward), if you are registered it will also provide you directions to your designated polling place. If you happen to not be registered, you may try again in advance with the methods listed above, or you can register to vote at your polling place on Election Day.

How Do I Vote?

- Mail your ballot to the Clerk/Treasurer's Office
- Bring your ballot to a drop-off location
- In person on Election Day

You have the option of voting early, but you may also choose to go to your designated voting location on Election Day. Contact the Clerk/Treasurer's Office for information about how to get your absentee ballot.

Ballot Return Instructions

- Vote your ballot. Please follow the instructions at the top of the ballot for making your selections. If using a translated sample ballot for reference, YOU MUST WRITE YOUR ANSWERS ON THE ENGLISH VERSION OF THE BALLOT. Answers written on sample ballots will not be accepted.
- 2. Place your completed ballot inside the Voted Ballot Envelope.
- 3. Print your name and City in the spaces provided on the front of the Voted Ballot Envelope.

- 4. SIGN THE CERTIFICATE! YOU MUST SIGN on the Voted Ballot Envelope, or YOUR VOTE WILL NOT COUNT.
- 5. Seal the Voted Ballot Envelope with your completed ballot inside.
- 6. Put the Voted Ballot Envelope inside the pre-paid mailing envelope that is pre-addressed to the City Clerk. You may write your return/home address on the upper left-hand side.
- 7. Return your ballot by mail, at a ballot drop box location, at City Hall during business hours, , or at your designated voting location on Election Day.
- 8. If sending by mail, please allow 7-10 business days for the Clerk's Office to receive it.

In Person Voting Instructions

- 1. Arrive at your designated voting location and get in line, bring your mailed ballot with you if you received one. Generally wait times are short but can be longer during presidential elections. If you need assistance in voting, you are allowed to bring one person of your choice with you to help you through the process.
- 2. When you get to the table, state your name clearly. Tell the election workers your last name or family name first. If for any reason they cannot find you in their list of registered voters, they will send you to another table to complete your voter registration forms before you can vote. If you were sent a ballot in the mail and do not bring it with you, they may ask you to sign an affidavit confirming you have not already voted before you can receive a ballot.
- Bring your ballot to a privacy booth. If needed, you may reference translated sample ballots (<u>https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CT/Sample-Ballots-Warnings-and-Notices</u>) while completing your English ballot. ALL ANSWERS MUST BE FILLED IN ON THE ENGLISH BALLOT, translated sample ballots cannot be submitted.
- 4. Once you are finished with your selections, you will bring your completed ballot to the voting machine, and a poll worker will assist you if needed. Once this is complete, your vote has been submitted and you may leave.

Looking for video instructions? See instructions in English, Somali, Swahili, Nepali, French, Burmese and Arabic at <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdy2e0EwW59oMye-Odnh3rQ/featured/</u>.

How Will I Know My Mail In Ballot Was Counted?

You can track the status of your ballot on <u>mvp.vermont.gov/</u> to know it was received by your town clerk.

What is the Deadline for Dropping off My Ballot?

The ballot must be delivered to your town clerk by 4:30 on the Monday before the Election or to the polls between 7AM and 7PM on Election Day.

Where Can I Vote In Person on Election Day?

You can search your home address at <u>www2.burlingtonvt.gov/Clerk/Elections/Map/</u> to find which ward (or voting district) you belong to. We have also included the current voting district map with icons showing each voting location. The voting locations for Burlington are:

Ward 1	Ward 2
Mater Christi School 100 Mansfield Avenue	Integrated Arts Academy at H. O. Wheeler School 6 Archibald Street
Ward 3	Ward 4
Lawrence Barnes Elementary School 123 North Street	Saint Mark's Youth Center 1271 North Avenue
Ward 5	Ward 6
Burlington Electric Department 585 Pine Street	Edmunds Middle School 275 Main Street
Ward 7	Ward 8
Robert Miller Community & Recreation Center 130 Gosse Court	Fletcher Free Library 235 College Street

For more information or guidance contact the Clerk/Treasurer's Office at:

149 Church Street Burlington, VT 05401 (802)-865-7000 www.burlingtonvt.gov/CT/Elections

Vermont Election Information:

https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/election-info-resources/

