

# Obtaining an Absentee Ballot

Absentee ballots no longer require a “reason” so anyone can choose to vote absentee. Ballots are typically available 40 days before an election. You can obtain an absent voter ballot by the following methods:

- Complete an Absent Voter Ballot Application and submit it to the Fenton Township Clerk by mail, email or fax.
- Request an Absent Voter Ballot Application from the Fenton Township Clerk by telephone, email, mail or fax. Then, complete, sign and return the application to the Fenton Township Clerk by mail, email or fax.
- Complete an Absent Voter Ballot Application in person at the Fenton Township office during regular office hours, or on the Saturday immediately before each election when the Clerk’s Department is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Apply for an absent voter ballot online. Visit the [Michigan Voter Information Center](#) on the Secretary of State website. Click on ***Apply for An Absent Voter Ballot Online*** on the left side of the page, then follow the instructions.

Once a completed application is received, a ballot will be mailed to you. If applying to vote absentee in person, you may receive your ballot in person and, if you prefer, vote the ballot while at the Township Office.

If you wish to be added to our Permanent Absentee Ballot List, you may send a signed written request by mail, email or fax. Once on the Permanent AV Ballot List, you will automatically receive an absentee ballot for every election, without submitting an application.

## RETURNING YOUR COMPLETED ABSENTEE BALLOT

The Clerk must receive your absentee ballot by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day for your votes to be counted. Absentee ballots may be returned by mail, dropped off at the Clerk’s office during regular business hours, deposited in the absentee ballot drop box located in front of the township office or deposited in the ballot drop box located at the Fenton Township Fire Station at 5120 Owen Road. Please note that, for ballots dropped off at the Clerk’s office or deposited in one of the drop boxes, the only persons who may return an absentee ballot are:

1. The voter.
2. A member of the voter’s immediate family who has been asked to return the ballot.
3. A person residing in the voter’s household who has been asked to return the ballot.

# Related Links

- [Michigan Voter Information Center](#)