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What Are We Voting On This Election Day?

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- **Every** town in Connecticut is voting for local offices.
- These elections **shape** the services we use every day.
- **Local elections = local impact.**

These Elections Matter

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- **Turnout in local elections is low:** Only 1 in 3 voted in 2023
- Local elections **decide key services:**
  - Public safety
  - Emergency services
  - Housing
  - Senior services…
- Your vote **shapes** your **community!**

Three Ways to Vote

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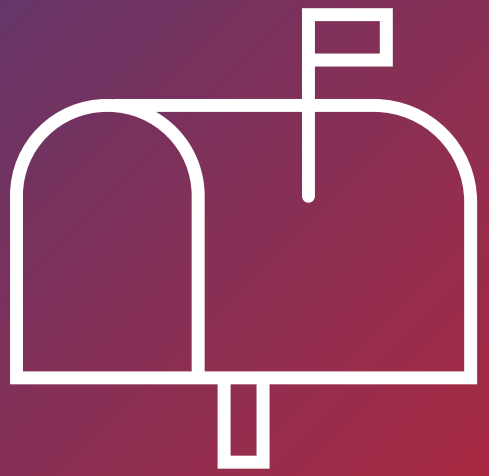
Same Options as 2024:

- **Absentee** Ballot
- **Early In- Person** Voting
- **Election Day** Voting

Inform your clients of their options – and how to keep their vote **safe!**

Absentee Voting: The Rules Haven't Changed



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- **Only** for **specific** reasons:
  - Illness or disability
  - Military service
  - Religious reasons
  - Working as an election official in a different polling place.
- **Request:**
  - Online at myvote.ct.gov/getmyab
  - Application Local Town Clerk's Office.

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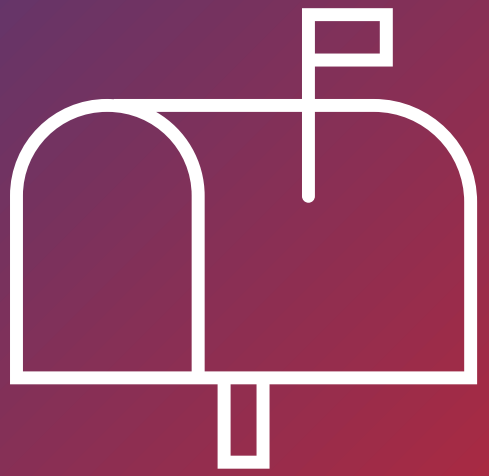

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- **Return** by mail, drop box, or in person **before** 8 PM, election day.
- **Only** certain people can return a ballot: relatives, voters, designees.

Early Voting Information

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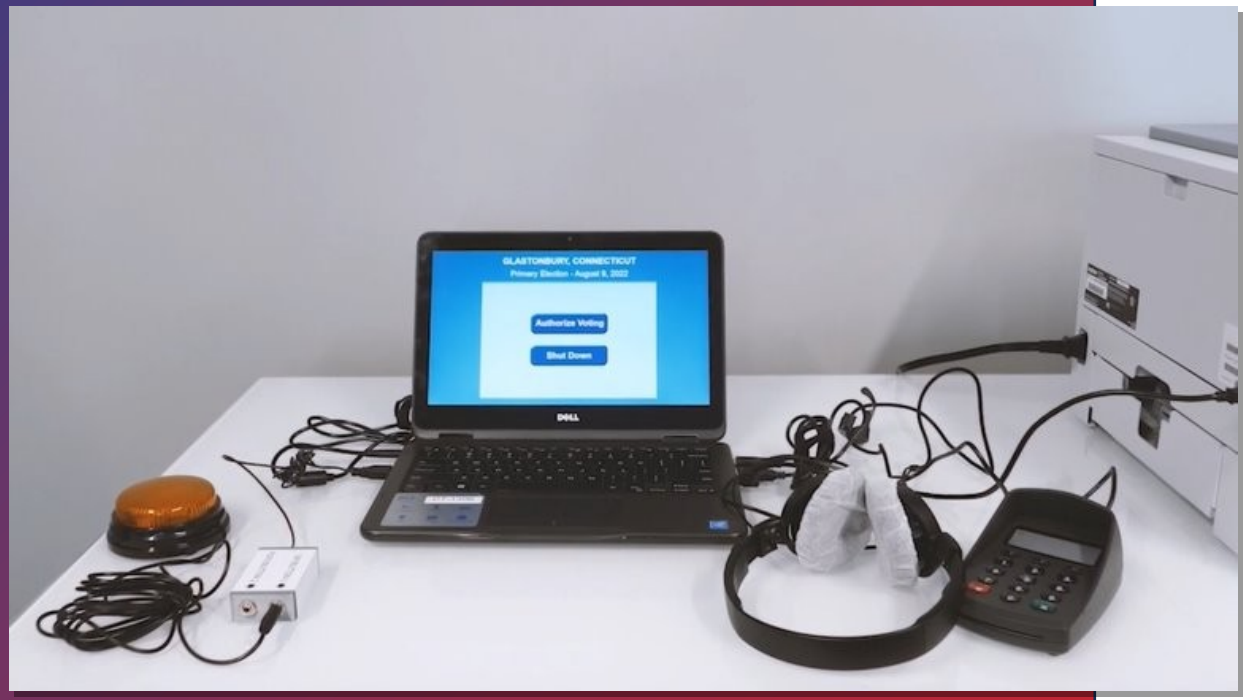
EARLY VOTING

- **When?**
  - October 20 to November 2, 10 AM–6 PM
  - Extended hours: October 28 & 30, 8 AM–8 PM
- **Same-day registration** is available at early voting sites
- **Locations:** myvote.ct.gov

Election Day Voting

- **Vote on November 4**
  - Polls open from 6 A.M. to 8 P.M.
  - Same-day registration available in every town.
- **For Polling Locations:** myvote.ct.gov

Making Voting Accessible



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- **Ballot marking devices** (touchscreen/audio)
- **Curbside voting** for voters with mobility issues
- **MVP System** for ASL voters
- **Assistance** holding your place in line or filling out the ballot
- **For more information:** myvote.ct.gov/accessible

Sharing Information

MyVote.ct.gov

For all election information

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For downloadable, plain language flyers and more

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Tuesday, October 7, 1pm to 2pm

A Virtual Discussion with Special Guests:

Michelle McCabe
Executive Director, Connecticut Main Street Center

Jennifer Leeper
Connecticut State Representative
132nd District

Jeffrey A. Fletcher
Owner/Collector, Ruby and Calvin Fletcher African American History Museum

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Thank You!

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