REGISTER TO VOTE IN CONNECTICUT

- Be a United States citizen;
- Be 18 years old on or by Election Day;
- Be a resident of a Connecticut town
- If you have committed a felony, you can register to vote after you have completed confinement and parole

REGISTRATION FORMS

By law, voter registration forms must be available at many public places, such as public libraries, the Department of Motor Vehicles and all offices of the Department of Social Services. You may also contact your local Registrar of Voters to obtain a registration form in person or by mail. The eligibility statement that is part of the registration process must be made available, upon request, in Braille, large print or audio to people with visual disabilities.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Registration may also be done online at: https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR

The site explains the process and the identification requirements, which are more limited than when registering by another method.

Note: You can also simply print a registration form off this site and register in person or by mail.

ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION (EDR)

EDR is also available in Connecticut. Keep in mind that ID requirements for EDR are more stringent than those required of voters when they vote at a standard polling place. Acceptable documents include, but not limited to:

- Birth certificate;
- Driver’s license;
- Non-driver photo ID (issued by Department of Motor Vehicles);
- Social Security card

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AT THE POLLS

- Voters who are voting for the first time in a primary or election with federal candidates on the ballot must present:
  - A current and valid photo ID that shows name and address, OR
  - A current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or government document that shows name and address.

All other voters must present:

- A Social Security card
- Any pre-printed form of identification that shows
  - Name and address, OR
  - Name and signature, OR
  - Name and photograph.

For other documents that will also serve as ID, please see the Secretary of the State’s link on ID requirements: https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Election-Services/FAQ/FAQ---Voter-Identification

In the absence of acceptable ID, a voter may cast a provisional ballot. These ballots are only available when candidates for federal office are in a race. Once the identity of the provisional voters has been confirmed, the ballots are reviewed and counted. In the absence of acceptable ID in a non-federal election, the voter may sign a statement testifying to his or her identity.

Now that you have registered to vote or checked your registration status to be sure that you are registered to vote, it is time to make a plan for how you will cast your ballot....
Make a Plan to Vote – Now!

On Election Day, November 3, 2020 all registered voters in Connecticut can either vote in person at their local polling place or by absentee ballot.

**METHOD 1 - VOTING IN PERSON** – On Election Day, November 3, 2020, Connecticut voters may go to the polls between 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM. As long as you are in line by 8:00 PM, you will be allowed to cast a ballot. The 2020 Election is predicted to have the largest voter turnout in history so be prepared to wait in line. If you have a disability that prevents you from waiting, you may ask an election official for an accommodation and be allowed to move to the head of the line and vote.

There are two ways to vote at each polling place. You may choose to use either method to vote.

**Option 1 – Manual Voting**
You are given a paper ballot with the names of candidates (and, sometimes, referendum questions). The ballot is completed using a marker supplied by the polling place. When the ballot is complete, you place it in the tabulator, which counts the votes.

**Option 2 – Ballot Marking Device**
The ballot marking device allows you to select your candidates on a computer tablet and the choices are printed on the ballot. If you cannot access the tablet, the system also has a voice output audio system with a keypad that requires you to push different buttons on the keypad to make choices. Both the touchscreen and the audio let you review and revise your choices. When you have completed the ballot, a printer marks a paper ballot to show your choices. Then, you feed the ballot through the same tabulator that counts everyone’s ballots.

**METHOD 2 – ABSENTEE BALLOT** - If you choose to vote by absentee ballot, and were registered to vote before August 26, 2020, you should have received an Application for an Absentee Ballot. This is not the ballot itself. You must complete it and send it in to the Town Clerk. If you did not receive an application, contact your Town Clerk.

**Tips for Completing and Returning Your Absentee Ballot**

1. **Be very careful to follow all the requirements of using an absentee ballot.** There are 2 envelopes and signatures are required in certain places. Follow the instructions provided with the ballot and ask questions if you are not sure how the ballot should be completed and placed in the envelope.

2. After October 2, 2020, the Absentee Ballot process can be done easily by taking your completed ballot application to your Town Clerk at your Town Hall, requesting your absentee ballot and completing it while you are there and giving it back to the Town Clerk.

3. **Ballot Boxes** – There is a ballot box located at your town hall. You can drop your ballot there anytime of day or night. It is maintained and emptied by your local Election Officials and does not need to go in the mail. If you are unable to bring your ballot to the ballot box yourself, you may ask a trusted relative or friend to bring it for you. Ballots must be in the box by 8:00 PM on Election Day or they will not be counted.

4. **Mailing Your Ballot** – If you are mailing your absentee ballot, do it as soon as possible you receive it and be sure to mail it at least two weeks ahead of Election Day. There will be a large volume of ballots and they all need time to be processed by the post office.