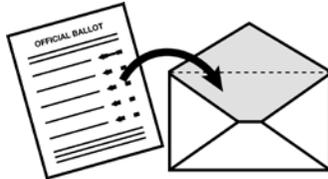




# Voting in the 2018 General Election

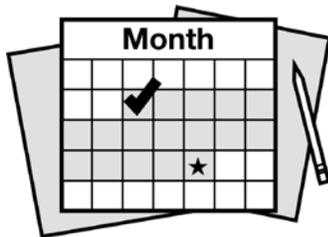
## 3 ways to vote



### VOTE BY MAIL

Request a vote-by-mail ballot to have one sent to you using the online application or by completing and submitting a paper application. Visit: [rochestermn.gov/vote](http://rochestermn.gov/vote)

Return the ballot by mail or deliver it in person or by agent to the Olmsted County Elections office by 3 p.m. on **Nov. 6.**



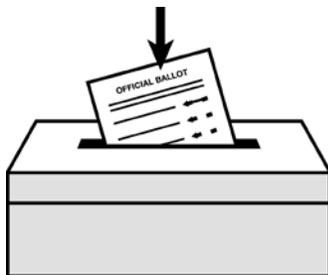
### VOTE EARLY IN-PERSON

Vote early at Olmsted County Elections between **Sept. 21 – Nov. 5.**

#### In-person Early Voting Location:

Olmsted County Elections  
1421 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904  
(On east side of County Fairgrounds, across from Wright's Small Engine)

Regular voting hours throughout the absentee voting period:  
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.  
Extended hours are available on Tuesday, Oct. 30 & Thursday, Nov. 1 until 8 p.m., as well as Saturday, Nov. 3 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



### VOTE AT THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY

Polls are open on Election Day:  
**November 6, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Look up your polling place:

-  [pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us](http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us)
-  507-328-2900 City Clerk's Office

## Resources

- CITY ELECTIONS WEBSITE:** [rochestermn.gov/vote](http://rochestermn.gov/vote)  
**CITY SOCIAL MEDIA:** [Facebook.com/CityofRochMN](https://www.facebook.com/CityofRochMN)  
[Twitter.com/CityofRochMN](https://twitter.com/CityofRochMN)

### CITY VOTER GUIDE

A 2018 Voter Guide is available online for download and printing, or pick up a copy from the City Clerk's Office. This voter guide features information and resources to help voters get out to vote in the final week of early voting or on Election Day.

## Early voting started Friday, Sept. 21

Rochester residents can choose to vote early at Olmsted County Elections, located at 1421 3rd Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904, on the east side of the Olmsted County Fairgrounds, across from Wright's Small Engine. Voting is available Monday – Friday, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day, as well as two evenings and on Saturday during the final week before Election Day.

In the final seven days of early voting, starting on Oct. 30, voters can insert ballots directly into a ballot tabulator, just as they would on Election Day.

### EARLY VOTING HOURS OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct. 21	22 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	23 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	24 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	25 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	26 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	27
28	29 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	30 <i>Direct Balloting</i> 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.	31 <i>Direct Balloting</i> 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Nov. 1 <i>Direct Balloting</i> 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.	2 <i>Direct Balloting</i> 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	3 <i>Direct Balloting</i> 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
4	5 <i>Direct Balloting</i> 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	6 <b>ELECTION DAY</b> 				

## Voters can take 3 easy steps to prepare to vote early

### STEP 1: VERIFY REGISTRATION OR GET PRE-REGISTERED

Pre-registering (or confirming registration) is a critical, time-saving step to avoid problems at the polls. The pre-registration deadline was Oct. 16. Voters can check the status of their registration using on-line tools from the City's elections website, and can get information on what is needed to register when voting if necessary. Simply point folks to [rochestermn.gov/vote](http://rochestermn.gov/vote)

### STEP 2: DOWNLOAD AND COMPLETE THE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION FORM TO BRING WITH TO AN EARLY VOTE CENTER

Voters must complete a request form to receive an absentee ballot, including when voting early by absentee ballot in-person. This can be done when voting at Olmsted County Elections or this form is also available from the City's elections website, so voters can download and complete the form and bring it with when voting to save time. To access the absentee ballot request form online, visit: [rochestermn.gov/vote](http://rochestermn.gov/vote)

### STEP 3: USE THE SAMPLE BALLOT TO PRACTICE

***This is the single most important tip that can save voters time in the polls!*** Each sample ballot is an exact replica of the actual 52 different ballot styles coded to the City's precincts. The ballot changes, based on what precinct you live in, so it's important to preview your personalized sample ballot. Voters can download their sample ballot in the privacy and comfort of their homes; pre-mark their choices on this practice ballot; then use the pre-marked ballot in the polls to expedite the time to complete their official ballots.

Sample ballots can be accessed from [rochestermn.gov/vote](http://rochestermn.gov/vote)