

Vote by Mail – Frequently Asked Questions

WHY DOES THE CITY DO VOTE BY MAIL?

Some Utah communities that have switched to vote by mail have seen their voter turnout more than double. VBM is an effort to get more residents involved in making important community decisions. VBM will remove many of the inconveniences of Election Day such as standing in long lines or leaving work. You will now be able to vote in the comfort of your own home with candidate information easily accessible so that you can make an informed decision when casting your ballot.

When will I get my Ballot?

Ballots are mailed approximately 30 days before an election. Ballots cannot be forwarded by the post office, so make sure the county has your correct address by visiting www.vote.utah.gov.

How do I submit my Ballot?

Springville City has provided the return postage so casting your vote won't even need a stamp. After filling out your ballot, just put it in the provided envelope, sign in the appropriate space, and mail it back.

You may also personally deliver your ballot to the City Recorder's Office at 110 South Main Street. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by the day before the election, August 14, 2017 for the Primary Election and November 06, 2017 for the Municipal General Election. You may hand deliver your ballot to the Recorder's Office on the day of the elections.

What about voter fraud?

While there is a chance of voter fraud in every election regardless of casting method, studies show that vote by mail is safe and secure. A team of trained poll workers will make sure your signature matches your official voter registration signature on record with Utah County or a handful of other official documents.

What about voter privacy?

Your ballot remains sealed while your signature is verified by trained election officials. The signature stub is then removed. A second team of election workers opens the envelope, removes the ballot, and feeds it into the optical counting machine to record your vote.

What if I want to vote in person?

There will be one voter service center location for all of Springville at the Civic Center (110 S. Main Street) on August 15, 2017 for the Primary Election and on November 07, 2017 for the Municipal General Election. Please bring your mailed ballot with you if you choose to come vote at the service center. If you do not bring your ballot, you will be required to vote provisionally so that election officials can verify that your mailed ballot was not already submitted.

What if I have moved?

To update your records, you may:

Log on to www.vote.utah.gov or

Contact the Utah County Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:00 am – 5:00 pm,

Monday – Friday: 100 E Center Street Room 3600, Provo
801-851-8109

Please be aware that in order to vote in Springville, you must establish residency in Springville **at least 30 days before Election Day.**

Deadlines to establish residency: July 15, 2017

When will I get my ballot?

Ballots are mailed no later than 21 days before the election. **Ballots cannot be forwarded by the post office, so make sure the county has your correct address by visiting: www.vote.utah.gov.**

Can I pick up a ballot for my neighbor, child, or parent?

Ballots must be mailed to a registered voter's registered mailing address. The county will not give ballots to anyone other than the registered voter.

What if I lose or never receive my ballot?

If you have not received your ballot within two weeks after they are mailed, contact the Utah County Clerk's Office at the address above. Your voter registration will be checked to ensure that the information is correct. If the address is correct, a replacement ballot will be sent. If your information has changed, your registration will need to be updated and a new ballot will be sent.

What if I make a mistake on my ballot?

Up until the Friday before the election: take your ballot to the Utah County Election Office in Provo (see address above).

On Election Day: bring your ballot to the voter service center at the Civic Center (110 S. Main Street) between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm. You will be able to vote with a provisional ballot. You will need to bring government-issued ID and proof of residency or two forms of ID and proof of residency.

Can two ballots be returned in the same envelope?

NO. There should only be one ballot in each envelope. We must have an affidavit for each ballot. If there is more than one ballot in the envelope, neither ballot will be counted.

What if I forgot to sign the affidavit on the envelope before I sealed it?

If you are not sure whether you signed your affidavit, sign the outside of the envelope.

What if I signed another voter's affidavit?

Cross off the wrong signature and sign the correct affidavit. If the envelope has already been sealed, you may sign the outside of the envelope.

What if I can't sign my ballot affidavit? Can someone else sign for me?

If a voter is unable to sign, they only need to make a mark (X) for their ballot to count. The mark must be witnessed and the witness must sign the affidavit.

Individuals with power of attorney cannot sign the ballot affidavit for the voter.

For U.S. Citizens living overseas or serving in the military:

Springville residents who are either temporarily or permanently overseas and all active military personnel, including their spouses and dependents, are eligible to vote by absentee ballot under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizen and Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) and Utah Law. Please apply for an absentee ballot through the state website: www.vote.utah.gov .