

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING EARLY VOTING

FOR THE NOVEMBER 8TH ELECTION

For the first time, Early Voting will be available to all registered voters for the November 8th Election ONLY.

Early Voting will start on October 24th at 8:30 am and end on November 4th, 2016 at 5:00 pm.

Early Voting will be held at Town Hall, 52 Main Street Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm. There will also be Early Voting on Saturday October 29th only from 9 am until 1pm at Town Hall.

Family members can not apply for another family member, only the voter themselves can apply for a ballot and Early Vote at the counter or by mail.

If receiving a ballot by mail, the voter themselves can only return the ballot in person or by mail. A family member cannot return the ballot for you.

Once an Early Voting ballot is cast in person or by mail, the voter will no longer have the option to void that ballot and vote in person on Election Day (Nov. 8th). Their ballot is sealed on the day they Early Voted and the ballot will be counted on Election Day (Nov. 8th).

Absentee ballot will also be available for the November 8th Election. You would apply for an absentee for one of 3 reasons:

You are a registered voter who will be unable to vote at the polls on Election Day due to:

1. Absence from your (voting) town, during polling hours (7am-8pm) on Election Day (Nov. 8th).
2. You have a physical disability preventing you from going to the police place; or
3. Religious belief

Applications for Absentee Ballots are available on the website www.milford.ma.us

If you have any additional question regarding voting, please call our office at (508) 634-2307.

The Voting Process on Election Day

Where to vote...

Every precinct in Massachusetts is assigned a specific polling place. When you register to vote, you should receive an acknowledgement notice from your local election official informing you of your polling place. If you are casting your ballot in person, you must do so at the polling place assigned to your precinct. In towns, polling places are designated by the selectmen; in cities, polling places are designated by the city council. You may find your polling place [here](#).

When to vote...

In all state elections and primaries, polling places must be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. The Town of Milford Local Elections Voters who are in line when polls are closed at 8 p.m. must be allowed to vote. For municipal elections, polling hours will vary by city and town. Check with your local election official for polling hours for your municipal election.

How to Vote at your Polling Location...

Check-In

When you enter your polling place, you must get in line to check-in. Some polling places may house more than one precinct, so be sure to check that you are in line for the correct precinct. When you approach the check-in table, you

will be asked to state your address and then your name. If you are an Unenrolled (commonly referred to as independent) voter or a member of a political designation and you are voting in a primary, you will also be asked which party's ballot you wish to choose (which is required by law). Poll workers are required to repeat this information back to you.

There are a few reasons that you may be required to show identification when you check-in. If you registered by mail and it is your first time voting in a federal election in Massachusetts, you may be required to show identification under the [Help America Vote Act of 2002](#). You may also be asked to show identification if you are an inactive voter, you are casting a challenged ballot, or you are casting a provisional ballot. Please see "Showing Identification" below, for more information on these types of ballots.

Mark Your Ballot

After a poll worker has checked you in, you will be handed your ballot. If you are voting on a ballot which will be inserted into an optical scan machine, you will also be handed a secrecy sleeve with which to cover your marked ballot if you request a secrecy sleeve. You may proceed to an available voting booth where you may mark your ballot in private. Ballots are marked by the voter filling in ovals, next to candidates and questions. Read the top of your ballot for instructions on how to fill it out properly.

If you require assistance marking your ballot due to physical disability, inability to read or inability to read English, you may bring anyone of your choosing into the voting booth with you. Alternatively, you may ask for the assistance of two poll workers (by law, the poll workers assisting you should be of different political parties). If you would prefer to mark your ballot independently, you may use the AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal, which is available in every polling place. The AutoMARK will read the ballot to you and mark the choices that you indicate

Check-Out

When you have finished marking your ballot, you must proceed to the check-out table, where you will once again be asked for your address and then your name. Again, if you are and unenrolled (commonly referred to as independent) voter or a member of a political designation and you are voting in a primary, you will be asked to inform the poll worker of the ballot that you chose. The poll worker must repeat all of this information back to you.

Cast Your Ballot

Once you have checked out, you may proceed to the ballot box, where you will insert your ballot. Milford uses optical scan ballots, which means that you will insert your paper ballot into a machine which will scan and tally your ballot. At the close of polls, poll workers will remove the ballots from the locked ballot box. In Milford, poll workers will print out the machine tally, hand count any write-in ballots or ballots which could not be counted by the machine, and compile an unofficial tally. In all communities, the ballots must then be sealed in containers and the tally must be announced. This entire process is open to public viewing.

Showing Identification...

You may be asked to show identification at the check-in table for any of the following reasons:

- You are voting for the first time in Massachusetts in a federal election;
- You are an inactive voter;
- You are casting a provisional or challenged ballot;
- The poll worker has a reasonable suspicion that leads them to request identification.

You will not be required to present photo identification.

Voting from a Previous Address

State law allows voters who have moved within Massachusetts to vote in state elections and primaries from a previous address for up to six months, as long as they have not registered at a new address. If you have moved from one community in Massachusetts to another, and you have not registered to vote at your new address, you may vote at your previous polling place. Please note that this does not apply to local elections.

Not on the List of Voters...

If your name does not appear on the list of voters and your registration cannot be verified, you have the right to cast a provisional ballot.

Questions or Concerns...

If you feel that your right to vote has been violated in any way, call the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Elections Division at 1-800-462-VOTE (8683).

Introducing Early Voting



For the November 8th Election **ONLY**



You can Early Vote in person at
Milford Town Hall
52 Main Street

October 24th through October 28th
Monday through Friday from 8:30AM until 5PM

Saturday, October 29th
9AM until 1PM

October 31st through November 4th
Monday through Friday from 8:30AM until 5PM

Voting is now more convenient than ever
and on
YOUR schedule



Questions: Please call us! 508 634-2307 we're here to help!

****KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!****

Where do I vote?

www.wheredoivotema.com

**Voter Registration Status
("Active/Inactive")**

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStat.us.aspx>

Information on Ballot Questions

http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/IFV_2016.pdf

**Register to Vote ONLINE
(Deadline to Register is
Oct. 19, 2016)**

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/>