

Your Vote. Your Voice. Your Right.



Voting is a fundamental right and an important responsibility. It gives us a say in who makes decisions about our communities and our lives—including health care, housing, transportation, education, jobs, and disability services.

People with disabilities deserve equal access to voting. We deserve to make our own choices and cast our ballots privately.

Our community has a powerful voice.

Rutgers University estimated that 40.2 million people with disabilities were eligible to vote in the United States in 2024. When people who live with someone with a disability are included, that number grows to 72.7 million—nearly one-third of all eligible voters. (smlr.rutgers.edu)

Our families, friends, and supporters can also help make disability issues a priority. We may make different choices on our ballots, but every one of us deserves to be heard. Exercising our right to vote is one way we can help shape our future.

Important Maryland Voting Dates: 2026 General Election

<u>Date</u>	<u>What you need to know</u>
October 13	Deadline to register to vote online or by mail. Mailed registration forms must be postmarked by this date.
October 22–29	Early voting, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day , including Saturday and Sunday.
October 27	Deadline to request a mail-in ballot delivered by mail or fax. Your request must be received by this date.
October 30	Deadline to request a ballot delivered through an emailed link. You must print this ballot and return it on paper.
November 3	Election Day. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you are in line by 8 p.m., you can vote.
November 3	Return your mail-in ballot to an official drop box or your local board of elections by 8 p.m. , or mail it with a postmark dated no later than November 3.

Missed the registration deadline? You can still register in person and vote during early voting or on Election Day. Bring a document that proves where you live. (elections.maryland.gov, elections.maryland.gov, mymcmedia.org)

Visit the [Maryland State Board of Elections' 2026 election page](#) for official dates, voting locations, and updates.

Ballot Marking Devices Are for Everyone

A ballot marking device is a machine that helps you select your choices and prints a paper ballot. It offers features such as large print, high contrast, and audio through headphones. These devices are available at every Maryland early voting center and polling place. You can use one whether or not you have a disability. Ask an election worker to use the ballot marking device. (elections.maryland.gov, elections.maryland.gov)

POG encourages voters without disabilities to use ballot marking devices, too. The printed ballot looks different from a ballot marked by hand. If only one person uses the device, that ballot may stand out. When more people use these devices, it helps protect the privacy of voters with disabilities by making their ballots less easy to single out. (nfbmd.org)

Review your printed ballot before putting it into the scanner. If something is wrong, ask an election worker for help.

Make Your Voting Plan

Decide when and how you will vote. Check your registration, review your sample ballot, and plan any transportation or support you need.

Use these official resources:

- [Check your registration, find your polling place, and view your sample ballot](#)
- [Learn about early voting](#)
- [Request a mail-in ballot and read the return instructions](#)
- [Learn about accessible voting and getting help](#)

Your choices are yours. Your vote matters. Make a plan to use it.