

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Elections

When can I register to vote? Voter registration can be done up to the deadline which is 21 days before an election. Registrations taken after the deadline will be valid for all future elections.

How can I register to vote? Voters can register online at <https://nj.gov/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml> or by filling out a paper registration at your local Borough Clerk's office.

How can I check my voter registration status? Voters can check their voter registration status on the "Am I Registered?" page <https://nj.gov/state/elections/vote.shtml> or by checking with your Borough Clerk's Office.

If I move does my voter registration follow me? No, if you move you should always do an address change. Sometimes a change of address is done when you do an address change through Div. of Motor Vehicles, but you should always confirm with your local elections official if the change has been made. If you are registered in a different state and moved to NJ, you need to register as a new voter in NJ.

How can I vote in the next election? NJ Voters are offered three ways to vote. You may Vote by Mail, In-Person Voting the day of the election at your designated polling location or at designated In-Person early Voting locations.

Where are the locations if I choose to do In-Person Early Voting? There are 9 locations in Bergen County to choose from, for a full list of locations go to <https://nj.gov/state/elections/vote-early-voting.shtml>. Locations that are near Maywood are:

Hackensack

County Administration Bldg
One Bergen County Plaza

Garfield

Garfield – Rescue Engine #3
159 Gaston Avenue

Paramus

Bergen Comm. College
400 Paramus Road

What is the In-Person Early Voting period in New Jersey? Each NJ county will hold in-person machine voting. Each county, depending on its size will designate a minimum of 3 to 10 voting locations for early in-person voting purposes. Early voting polling locations will be open from at least 10 am to 8 pm on Mondays through Saturdays, and from at least 10 am to 6 pm on Sundays. For the November 2023 Election the In-Person Early voting locations will be open from Saturday October 28, 2023 through November 5, 2023. Dates for the 2024 Elections will be released in 2024.

What is a Provisional Ballot? A provisional ballot is cast by a voter whose eligibility to vote cannot be confirmed at the polls on Election Day or if they have applied for a vote-by-mail ballot. If, after the election, it is determined that the voter who cast the provisional ballot was eligible to vote, the ballot will be counted.

If I am a Vote by Mail Voter, how can I return my ballot? Either return your ballot by mail, bring your completed and sealed ballot in-person to your county's Board of Elections office, or place it in a secure "ballot drop box" located throughout your county.

What is a "Ballot Drop Box"? A ballot drop box is a secure, locked structure operated by election officials where voters may deliver their ballots from the time they receive them in the mail up to the time polls close at 8 pm on Election Day. There will be at least 10 drop boxes located throughout each county, which will be available 24 hours a day. Drop boxes will be under surveillance by security cameras and collected daily by county election officials.

Where are Bergen County Ballot Drop Box locations? Currently Bergen County has 32 locations, for a full list go to <https://nj.gov/state/elections/vote-secure-drop-boxes.shtml> Locations in abutting municipalities to Maywood are as follows:

Hackensack
County Administration Bldg
One Bergen County Plaza
Hackensack, NJ

Lodi
Public Library
1 Memorial Drive
Lodi, NJ

Paramus
Borough Hall
1 Jockish Square
Paramus, NJ



Did you know that you can use your sample ballot or drivers license to check in at the polls? The iPads at the check in stations have the ability to scan the bar code on these items to bring up your registration. Then answer the questions of the poll worker to confirm your identity.

If you have questions regarding elections that have not been addressed in this FAQ sheet, you can always call your Local Elections Official and we will be more than happy to help.

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