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State Primary
September 1, 2026

2026 Guide to Early Voting



Election Commission 24-Hour Official Ballot Drop Box Locations for the September 1, 2026, State Primary

Main Drop Box Location

The following location will be open until Election Day, Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 8 p.m.

Election Commission
689 Massachusetts Avenue
Left-side of the front entrance

This drop box location will be the ONLY one open on Election Day, September 1, 2026.

Satellite Drop Box Location

The following locations will be open once ballots are mailed and closed on Monday, August 31, 2026, at 8 p.m. **Satellite locations will NOT be open on Election Day, September 1, 2026.**

City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Near the rear door

Morse School
40 Granite Street
Near the front entrance

Cambridge Police Headquarters
125 6th Street
Near the front of the building

Maria L. Baldwin School
85 Oxford Street
Right-side of the Oxford St. entrance

O'Neill Library
70 Rindge Avenue
Adjacent to the entrance stairs

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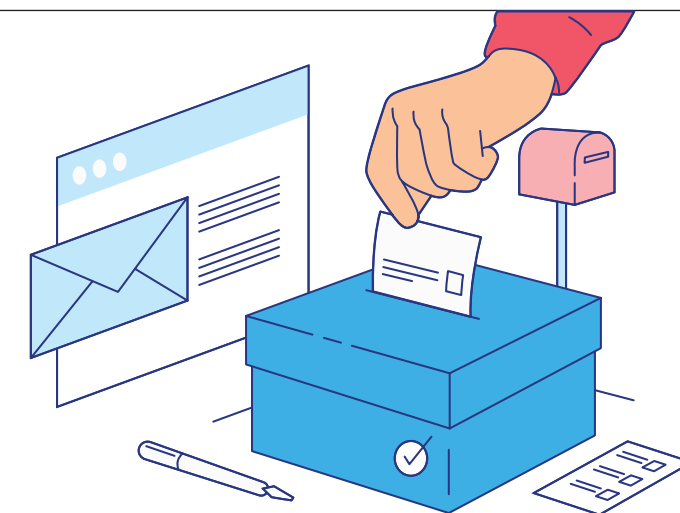
Vote Early! Vote by Mail!

The Cambridge Election Commission is making it easy and convenient to vote according to your schedule. Vote early by mail or in person!

In Person Early Voting Period

August 22nd - August 28th

Look inside for times and locations!



Check Your Voter Registration Status

www.RegisterToVoteMA.com

or call the Election Commission office at 617-349-4361.

The deadline to register or make changes to your name, address, or political party is Saturday, August 22nd.

Voter Registration

Online

www.RegisterToVoteMA.com

If you do not have a Registry of Motor Vehicles ID, you will need to print your registration form and mail it to the Election Commission Office at 689 Massachusetts Avenue, STE 1, Cambridge, MA 02139-3302

In Person

Cambridge Election Commission, 689 Massachusetts Avenue, STE 1 during regular office hours.

On Saturday, August 22nd, you may register at any of the Early Voting Locations from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. or at the Election Commission office from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.



Please make sure **your voted ballot is sealed inside of the jurat envelope** (yellow envelope) and the affirmation on the jurat envelope **has been signed** prior to inserting the envelope into the drop box.

Understanding Early Voting

What is Early Voting?

Early Voting is an opportunity to vote before Election Day. You can vote in person or by mail, and your ballot will be cast for you on Election Day. The early voting period is set by Massachusetts State Law.

Who can vote early?

Any registered voter in Cambridge can vote during the early voting period! Unlike absentee voting, you don't need an excuse or reason to vote early!

Where can I vote early?

Unlike Election Day, you are not assigned to a polling location. You can go to any of the Cambridge Early Voting Locations detailed below. **The Election Commission office** located at 689 Massachusetts Avenue will NOT be an early voting location for the State Primary.

When can I vote early?

The Early Voting Period is from Saturday, August 22, 2026 through Friday, August 28, 2026. The times vary from day to day so check out the schedule below.

What if I want to vote on Election Day instead?

If you don't vote early, you can still vote at your assigned polling location on Election Day. **PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOUR POLLING LOCATION MAY HAVE CHANGED.**

You will receive a voter notification card with your assigned location prior to Election Day, or you can look it up at www.cambridgema.gov/pollinglocations.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2026. You can only vote once—if you cast an early voting ballot, you cannot vote on Election Day.

In Person Early Voting Times & Location

Saturday, Aug. 22		🕒 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 23		🕒 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 24		🕒 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 25		🕒 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 26		🕒 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 27		🕒 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 28		🕒 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The **Election Commission office** located at 689 Massachusetts Avenue **will NOT** be an early voting location for the State Primary.

Voters must go to one of the designated early voting locations listed below.

Early Voting Locations

- 📍 **Valente Library**
826 Cambridge Street, Side Entrance on Berkshire Street
- 📍 **Cambridge Water Department**
250 Fresh Pond Parkway
- 📍 **Main Library**
449 Broadway

Early Voting By Mail

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Get an Application

Download an application from www.MailMyBallotMA.com or send a written request with your name, Cambridge address, address where you want the ballot sent, and your signature. **Unenrolled voters must also indicate which party ballot they would like.**

If you are registered in the Democratic or Republican party, you may vote only on that party's ballot. If you are unenrolled (commonly referred to as independent), you can choose a party ballot to vote in the primary and remain unenrolled

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Send Application

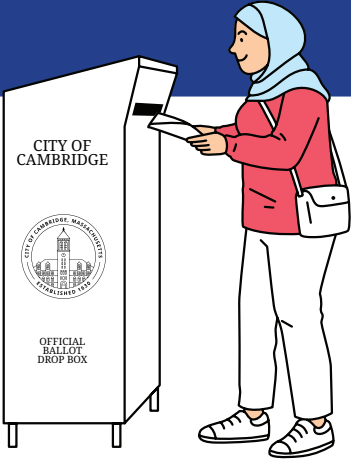
Send your signed application by email, fax, or mail. If you're emailing your application, you need to sign it in a way that can be compared to your hand-written signature. Electronic signatures, scanned applications, and photos of applications are acceptable. Typed signatures cannot be accepted.

Email: elections@cambridgema.gov
Fax: 617-349-4366
Mail: 689 Massachusetts Avenue, STE 1, Cambridge, Ma 02139-3302

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Options for returning your ballot

- Return the ballot by mail using the postage-paid envelope provided with your ballot.
- Return the sealed ballot envelope to an election official at a designated early voting location during prescribed early voting hours.
- Deliver your ballot to any one of the six (6) ballot drop boxes located in Cambridge. Drop box locations are listed on the last page of this guide.



Important Deadlines

Deadline to request a ballot:
Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 5 p.m.

The Election Commission recommends applying as early as possible to ensure timely delivery.

Deadline to return the ballot:
September 1, 2026 at 8 p.m.

Track Your Ballot Online

🌐 www.TrackMyBallotMA.com

Questions?

Visit our Website at **CambridgeMA.gov/EarlyVoting**

Call the Election Commission Office at 617-349-4361

Email us at elections@cambridgema.gov

If you need an interpreter to contact the Election Commission for help with your application, please call 617-865-2273. An interpreter will connect you with a City representative.