

How do I Vote in the Primary Election?

Stay in your lane!

The August 4, Election is a Primary Election, so you should not split your ticket. During a primary election, you must "stay in your lane" and vote for one party only for the partisan portion of your ballot to be counted.

If you do mistakenly split your ticket, your vote on ballot proposals and any non-partisan candidates will still be counted, just not the partisan candidates.

But What if I accidentally Vote for candidates from two different parties?

If using an Absent Voter Ballot, just bring it to the Township Office for a replacement. You will have to surrender the old one.

If voting in person during Early Voting or on Election Day, ask for help from the Election Inspectors. They can issue you a replacement Ballot. But, again, you will have to surrender the old one.

Which Method of Voting should I choose?

A> Absent Voter Ballots

Absent Voter Ballots are showing up in the mailboxes of voters on Michigan's permanent absent voter list. (Keep in mind that permanent absent voter ballots will go to the voter's primary address, not a forwarding address.)

The Absent Voter Ballot is a great way to vote. It gives the voter the opportunity to research any choices on the Ballot and **SKIP THE LINE** by mailing in your Absent Voter Ballot or dropping it off at the Cannon Township Office. There is a secure Dropbox located west of the building and one inside the vestibule of the Main Entrance. When the Township Office is open, there is another Dropbox in the lobby.

A Helpful Tip: Sign the Ballot Return Envelope in the same way you signed your MI Driver's License or MI Personal Identification Card.

Residents who are registered voters and not on the permanent absent voter list can apply for an absent voter ballot online, by mail, or in person at the Cannon Township Center, located at 6878 Belding Rd, NE during regular business hours.

B> In-Person during Early Voting

Early Voting will be available July 25 through August 2, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm in the Cannon Township Center Board Room at 6878 Belding Rd NE.

Any Registered voter can vote in person during this time. If a voter is not yet registered, the Clerk's office can perform same-day registration.

If you wish to vote your Absent Voter Ballot in person during this time, that is also possible.

C> In-Person on Election Day

In-person voting can also be done on Election Day August 4, 2026, from 7:00am to 8:00pm at your appropriate Polling location.

Where do I vote on Election Day?

While we have recently changed our Permanent Polling Location to the new Cannon Township Community Center being built at Balk Family Park on Belding Road, that facility will not be ready for the August 4 election.

The Temporary Polling Location for Precincts 1,2 & 3 is Crestwood Elementary School, located at 6350 Courtland Dr NE, Rockford, MI 49341.

The Temporary Polling Location for Precinct 4 is the Cannon Township Center at 6878 Belding Rd NE, Rockford, MI 49341

What is my Precinct Number? Why did it change?

We have recently consolidated our Precincts from Six to Four. Your most recent Voter Information Card details your new Precinct Number. In addition, we have an updated Precinct Map available on the Website and will have a large copy of that map at the Township Office and at each Polling Location.

We consolidated our precincts to save money for the Township. However, we are committed to continuing to give you the best Voter Experience. We have added a second Electronic Pollbook in each precinct to speed up the check-in process. We are also providing a quick and simple way to verify your voting status and precinct at our Greeting desk.

If you vote an Absent Voter Ballot, we will send you the ballot appropriate for your new precinct and school district. Yet another reason to vote an Absent Voter Ballot!