



Vote-by-Mail Application FAQ

1. Why did I receive this application? What election is it for?

You received this because we include a Vote-by-Mail application with the **annual census mailing** to be efficient and ensure every household has easy access to the form. The mailing goes to **every Burlington address**, so you may receive it even if you are not currently registered to vote or if a previous resident at your address was a voter.

This application allows registered voters to request a mail ballot for the **April 11, 2026 Local Election** only. Separate applications for the **September State Primary** and **November General Election** will be mailed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

2. Do I need to fill this out if I plan to vote early in person?

No. This application is **only** required if you would like to **vote by mail**.

You do **not** need to return this form to vote early in person.

3. Does returning this form register me to vote?

No. This is **not** a voter registration form.

To register to vote, you may complete a registration form in the Clerk's Office or register online at the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website:

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

4. I filled out a Vote-by-Mail card last year. Am I all set?

No. Vote-by-mail requests do **not** carry over from year to year.

You may only request mail ballots for elections **taking place in the same calendar year** that you submit the application.

You will need to complete a **new application next year**, even if the elections look the same.

5. I received two applications, but only one person lives here. What should I do?

Please complete **only one application per voter**. If you received extra forms, simply disregard the unused ones.

6. There are only two applications in my envelope, but we have more voters in the household. What should we do?

You are welcome to **make copies** of the enclosed local-election application.

Additional forms are also available on the Town website: www.burlington.org/votebymail

7. Do I need to sign the application?

Yes — don't forget to sign!

Your signature is required for us to process your application.

8. What if someone assists me in filling out the form?

If another person helps you complete the application, please be sure they fill out the **Assistance section** at the bottom of the form.

9. Can I fill out a Vote-by-Mail application for a family member?

Yes — you may assist a family member by helping complete their application **as long as you fill out the "Assistance" section** on the form.

However, **only the voter may complete their actual ballot**.

No one is allowed to mark or choose votes for another person.

10. How do I return the completed application?

You may return your Vote-by-Mail application in any of the following ways:

- **Mail or drop off** at the Town Clerk's Office
- **Include it with your annual census**
- **Email** a legible photo or scan to:
vote@burlington.org

Please make sure the application is **signed** before sending.

Additional questions, please contact the Burlington Town Clerk's Office:
[✉ vote@burlington.org](mailto:vote@burlington.org)
📞 781-270-1660