

Four Types of Ballots

Polling Place/EDR Ballots:

If you are a registered voter you will come to the Granby Memorial Community Gym at the High School to vote at the polls on Election Day. After successfully checking in, you will receive a polling place full ballot. District 1 ballots will be white and District 2 ballots will be beige. If you are unregistered but you can successfully prove both identity and residency AND your completed voter registration has been processed by 8:00 pm on Election Day at Town Hall, you will also receive a full ballot, it will be a pink ballot for both districts.

Absentee Ballots:

Absentee Ballots are handled through the Town Clerk's office, and represent a complete ballot, nearly identical to the ballots used by voters on Election Day. Absentee ballots are generally canary yellow, with a few exceptions for hand counted military and overseas ballots. Connecticut has specific guidelines for the use of Absentee ballots; essentially the voter must testify on their Absentee ballot application that they have a reason for not voting at the polls. The form is available at Town Hall or on the web at www.sots.ct.gov. Send in an application for your absentee ballot at least one month before the election and mail your completed ballot immediately after you receive your ballot to ensure your vote will be counted. If you can come to the Town Hall, you can complete the process in person after October 7th. Any ballots received by the Town Clerk after November 8th are not counted.

Provisional Ballots:

Per the Help America Vote Act, provisional ballots will again be available for FEDERAL offices, not state or local offices. Provisional ballots are issued to new voters who have NEVER shown an ID and to voters who insist they are registered but do not appear on the voter lists. The registrars have 6 days to find evidence that either the new voter provided ID at registration or the unregistered voter was removed from the list incorrectly. Provisional ballots are counted only in the event of a close election, where a recount is mandated by a judge.

Presidential Ballots:

For voters to vote only for office of President/Vice President IF they have moved out of our state and are not eligible to vote in their new state. The Town Clerk also handles this ballot. To receive a Presidential ballot, the voter must testify that they are not eligible to vote otherwise. **With the introduction of Election Day Registration, it is no longer an option for residents to choose to not be registered if they wish to vote for President.**