



Chatham County Voter Information

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Chatham County Democratic Party

Community Engagement Center

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[Chatham County Democratic Party | CCDP-NC](#) (www.CCDPNC.org)

Registering to Vote in Chatham County

A voter must be registered in Chatham in order to vote in Chatham

Who can register and vote in Chatham County? [Who Can Register | NCSBE](#)

The voter must be

1. **A U.S. citizen**
2. **At least 18 years old**
 - 16- and 17-year-olds can pre-register and their registration will be processed when they are eligible to vote.
 - 17-year-olds can vote in the Primary election in the spring if they will be 18 on or before Election Day in the fall.
3. **A resident in Chatham for at least 30 days before Election Day**
 - Voters who moved to Chatham from another NC county within 30 days of the election can vote absentee from their previous NC county or return there to vote in person.
4. **Not serving a felony sentence**
 - Once the felony sentence is completed, a person convicted of a felony automatically regains the right to vote but **must register to vote again**, even if registered before conviction.

NOTE: There are different procedures for [Military and Overseas Voting | NCSBE](#)

How to register in Chatham County

1. **Through the North Carolina Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV)**
 - In person at DMV when transacting DMV business
 - Online if the individual already has a North Carolina driver's license or non-operators ID [Official NCDMV: Voter Registration Application](#)
2. **Using the Paper Voter Registration Application Form**

Obtain the form online [NCVoterRegForm_06W.pdf](#) or from the Chatham County Board of Elections, the Chatham County Democratic Party, or other community agencies or voting rights groups. The form must be signed by hand by the applicant and returned to the Chatham County Board of Elections.
3. **Register in Person**
 - At the Chatham County Board of Elections (M-F 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. except holidays)
 - At Early Voting polling places before voting ("**Same Day Registration**")
Same Day Registration requires the paper Voter Registration Application form and proof of residency in Chatham. Documents that meet this standard:
 - North Carolina driver's license or non-operators ID with current address
 - Other identification issued by a government agency or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document showing the voter's name and current address

How to update registration [FAQ: Voter Registration | NCSBE](#)

Voters who move within Chatham can use the paper Voter Registration Application form or the DMV online system to update the following information:

- Address
- Party affiliation
- Phone, email address, gender/race/ethnicity

NOTE: The paper Voter Registration Application can also be use to update the voter's name. Paper Voter Registration Application forms for updating information can be taken or sent to the Chatham County Board of Elections

- In person
- Mail
- Fax (*Fax to 919-542-6430*)
- Scanned attachment to an email

When to register [Voter Registration Deadlines | NCSBE](#)

Registration dates will also be available as a handout at the CCDP Community Engagement Center and at CCDP tents or tables at community events.

The regular registration deadline for the November 4, 2025 election is **5 p.m.** on October 10, 2025. However, individuals can also register and vote during the Early Voting period (October 16 – November 1) at any of the Early Voting locations in Chatham County (“Same Day Registration”).

NOTE: Individuals CANNOT register to vote on Election Day (except for very rare circumstances occurring between the end of the Early Voting period and Election Day).

How to Check registration and voting information [Voter Search](#)

Type the voter's first and last names to find their voting record; narrow the search results if necessary by adding more information, such as year of birth or county of residence. Results include:

- The voter's registration status (NOTE: **Inactive** voters are still registered but will be asked to verify or if necessary, update their address.)
- The address at which the voter is registered
- The voter's polling place on Election Day
- The districts associated with the voter's address (examples: Congressional District, North Carolina House and North Carolina Senate districts)
- The voter's sample ballot for the upcoming election (50 – 60 days before the election)

Voting in Person in Chatham County

2025 Municipal Elections

Municipal elections in Chatham County are held in odd-numbered years and include only voters who live in participating towns or jurisdictions. For the 2025 election, the following precincts will have municipal contests on the ballot:

- East Pittsboro
- East Siler City
- East Williams
- Goldston
- Jordan Lake
- West Pittsboro
- West Siler City

During the **Early Voting** period, Chatham County citizens can vote at either

Chatham County Ag Center

1192 US Hwy 64 West Business, Pittsboro

October 16 – November 1

Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm*

*Open to 6pm on 10/30 and 10/31

Saturdays 8am – 3pm

Sunday, October 26: 1pm – 6pm

OR

New Hope Baptist Church

581 New Hope Church Rd. Apex, NC 27523

Saturday, October 25: 8 am – 3pm

Sunday, October 26: 1 pm – 6 pm

Monday, October 27: 11 am – 6pm

Tuesday, October 28: 11 am – 6 pm

Wednesday, October 29: 11am – 6 pm

Thursday, October 30: 11 am – 6 pm

Friday, October 31: 11 am – 6 pm

Saturday, November 1: 8 am – 3 pm

At Early Voting polling places, voters can

- **Register** and vote on the same day
- **Update** their address, name, party, or other information
- **Turn in** sealed absentee ballot mailing envelopes instead of returning them by mail

Election Day is **Tuesday, November 4, 2025**. Polling places are open 6:30 am. – 7:30 pm.

NOTE: On Election Day, voters should vote at their assigned polling place based on where they live, but 'out of precinct' voting is legal. If voters go to a different polling place in the county, they will be offered the option to vote there with a Provisional Ballot, but that ballot might not have all the candidates as the ballot at their assigned polling place.

To find a voter's Election Day polling place, either

- Go online to [Voter Search](#) **OR**
- [Election Day Polling Place Search](#) **OR**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Call the Chatham County Board of Elections (919-545-8500) |
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“Curbside Voting” [Curbside Voting | NCSBE](#)

During all elections at all polling places, North Carolina has “**curbside voting**” for voters who are unable to enter the voting place without physical assistance due to age or physical or mental disability. These voters can remain in their vehicle to vote.

Assistance with Voting [Accessible Voting Sites | NCSBE](#)

All polling places during all elections have ADA-compliant voting equipment for voters with visual, hearing, and mobility disabilities. An election official can help the voter to use the equipment.

In addition, during all elections at all polling places, any voter may receive assistance going in or out of a voting booth as well as marking a ballot if the person providing the help is the voter’s ****near relative or legal guardian**** of the voter.

****A near relative is a spouse, parent, grandparent, sibling, child, grandchild, mother- or father-in-law, son- or daughter-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild.****

Some voters may receive help from other assistants. These are voters who, because of physical disability, blindness, or illiteracy, are unable to enter the voting booth without help or mark the ballot without help.

The Typical In-Person Voting Experience (****when registration is correct and an acceptable Photo ID is presented****)

After voters enter the polling place, they

- Check in at the table with poll workers
- State their name and address
- In the **Primary** election, state their party
NOTE: Voters registered with a specific party [for example, Democratic] can receive only that party’s ballot with that party’s candidates. Unaffiliated voters (those not registered with a specific party) can request the ballot of any party that accepts unaffiliated voters, which varies from year to year.
- Sign a form verifying that the information they provided is correct
- Receive their ballots and are directed to a private booth to mark the ballot
- After completing the ballot, put it into the tabulator machine near the exit
- May obtain an “I voted” sticker
- Leave the voting area

**** In atypical circumstances, voters are directed to the Help Station and can vote a Provisional Ballot**

Voting by Mail (“Absentee by Mail”)

[Vote By Mail | NCSBE](#)

This information will also be available as a CCDP handout at the CCDP Community Engagement Center and at CCDP tables at community events.

Any North Carolina voter can choose to vote by mail; no reason or excuse is needed.

It is strongly recommended to request and return an Absentee Ballot early because of possible mail delays.

There are special rules and procedures for absentee voting by **military voters and overseas civilians**. [Military and Overseas Voting | NCSBE](#)

There are special rules and procedures for absentee voting by residents of **nursing homes, rest homes, hospitals, and other group care facilities**. [Detailed Instructions to Vote By Mail | NCSBE](#)

There are three steps to voting by mail:

1. Request an Absentee Ballot

Absentee ballots must be requested with an official [North Carolina Absentee Ballot Request Form](#)

Option A: Online

Request, complete, and submit the Absentee Ballot Request Form using the Absentee Ballot Portal [North Carolina Absentee Ballot Portal](#)

- The online request form must include the voter’s **date of birth** and one of the following identification numbers:
 - North Carolina Dept. of Motor Vehicles driver’s license number or non-operators ID number **OR**
 - Last four digits of the voter’s Social Security number
- **The deadline to submit an online Absentee Ballot Request form is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.**

Option B: Paper

Request an Absentee Ballot Request Form in one of these ways:

- Print the Absentee Ballot Request Form that will be available at [North Carolina Absentee Ballot Portal](#).
- Call the Chatham County Board of Elections (919-545 8500); they will mail a form to the voter.
- Pick up a form at the Chatham County Board of Elections or the Chatham County Democratic Party Community Engagement Center (919-704-8669).

Complete the **Paper** Absentee Ballot Request Form

- The paper Absentee Ballot Request Form must include the voter’s **date of birth** and one of the following **identification numbers**:
 - North Carolina Dept. of Motor Vehicles driver’s license number or non-operators ID number **OR**
 - Last four digits of the voter’s Social Security number
- For most voters, the paper Absentee Ballot Request Form must be completed and signed by either the voter or the voter’s ****near relative**** or legal guardian.

****A near relative is the voter's spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild****

- Voters must be registered to obtain an absentee ballot. Voters who are not already registered may submit a paper Voter Registration Form together with the paper Absentee Ballot Request Form to the Chatham County Board of Elections.

Return the **Paper** Absentee Ballot Request Form

- The completed paper request form should be returned to the Chatham County Board of Elections either by mail or in person **no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.**

The Board of Elections will begin mailing requested ballots on October 3, 2025.

2. Complete the Absentee Ballot [Detailed Instructions to Vote By Mail | NCSBE](#)

Voters who request an absentee ballot will receive a Ballot Package that consists of these materials:

- Instruction sheet
- A ballot
- A yellow "ID Exception Form" for use when the voter is not submitting a copy of an acceptable Photo ID
- A "ballot return envelope" with a clear sleeve attached to the outside
- A "ballot mailing envelope"

It is important to follow the instructions completely and exactly.

- **Mark votes** on the ballot in the presence of a notary public or two witnesses.
- Seal the ballot in the ballot return envelope. Don't put anything else into that envelope.
- **Put a copy** of an acceptable Photo ID or ID Exception Form in the clear sleeve attached to the ballot return envelope.
- **Complete the back** of the ballot return envelope, with all required information from the voter, witnesses or notary, and any person who assisted the voter.
- **Prepare** the ballot mailing envelope
 - Place the sealed ballot return envelope inside the ballot mailing envelope. Don't put anything else into the ballot mailing envelope.
 - Seal the ballot mailing envelope.

3. Return the absentee ballot [Detailed Instructions to Vote By Mail | NCSBE](#)

How to Return the Ballot

- The absentee ballot must be returned in the sealed ballot return envelope that is placed and sealed in the ballot mailing envelope.
- Absentee ballot mailing envelopes can be returned by mail or in person to the Chatham County Board of Elections.

If returning an absentee mailing envelope by mail

- Voters may return their ballot mailing envelopes using U.S. Postal Service, DHL, FedEx, or UPS.
- Voters must affix the correct postage to their ballot mailing envelope. Consult the instruction sheet for the postage needed.
- The ballot mailing envelope must be received by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

- It is strongly recommended that voters mail their absentee ballot mailing envelopes well before Election Day to help ensure they arrive on time.

If returning an absentee ballot mailing envelope in person, it can be returned to

- The Chatham County Board of Elections office by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, November 4, 2025 OR
- An Early Voting site in Chatham by 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 1, 2025.

Absentee ballot mailing envelopes may NOT be returned to any polling place on Election Day.

Who Can Return the Ballot?

Unless the voter has a disability, only the voter or the voter's ****near relative**** or legal guardian may mail or hand-deliver the absentee return envelope. **Voters should not give their ballot mailing envelope to a neighbor, friend, or stranger to return.**

****A near relative is the voter's spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild****

County boards of elections count all eligible Absentee Ballots.

Photo ID and Exceptions

A voter will be asked to show an acceptable Photo ID when checking in at the polling place. Election workers check to see if the picture on the ID reasonably resembles the voter and if the name on the ID is the same as or very similar to the voter's name in the registration record. **The address on the Photo ID does not have to match the address on voter's registration record.**

1. Acceptable Photo IDs and how to get them [Voter ID | NCSBE](#)

Any of the following that is unexpired or expired for one year or less:

- North Carolina driver's license
- Non-driver's ID from the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles
- Driver's license or non-driver ID from another state, District of Columbia, or U.S. territory (only if the voter registered in North Carolina within 90 days of the election)
- U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport card
- **Free Photo ID** issued by the Chatham County Board of Elections
[Get a Free Voter Photo ID | NCSBE](#)
- Certain college student or state or local government employment IDs approved by the State Board of Elections [Student and Public Employee IDs Approved for Voting | NCSBE](#)

NOTE: A voter 65 years or older may use any expired form of acceptable Photo ID if it was unexpired on the voter's 65th birthday.

Any of the following, regardless of whether the Photo ID contains an expiration or issuance date:

- U.S. Military or veterans ID card (with photo)
- Tribal enrollment card (with photo)

2. Free Photo ID from the Chatham County Board of Elections

[Get a Free Voter Photo ID | NCSBE](#)

No documents are needed for voters who are already registered in Chatham.

- Voters provide their name, date of birth, and the last four digits of their Social Security number at the Chatham Board of Elections office, then the voter's photo is taken.
- The free voter Photo ID includes the voter's photo, name, and voter registration number. It is good only for voting in the county that issued it for 10 years.

Alternatively, a North Carolina resident can get a free non-operators ID from the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles: [Official NCDMV: State IDs](#) This requires providing:

- A document verifying age and identity **AND**
- A Social Security card or a document proving that the individual has a Social Security number **AND**
- A document proving residency

3. No Photo ID at the polling place?

- **Voters who do not have an acceptable Photo ID** can complete an ID Exception Form and vote with a Provisional Ballot. [Provisional Voting | NCSBE](#)
- **Voters who have an acceptable Photo ID but don't have it with them** can leave the polling place, get the ID, and then return to vote a regular ballot. Or they have the option to complete an ID Exception Form, vote with a Provisional Ballot, then go to the Chatham County Board of Elections office to show their Photo ID by the end of the day on Friday, November 7, 2025.

4. Exceptions (“reasonable impediments”) to Photo ID requirement [Voter ID | NCSBE](#)

An in-person voter who is unable to show an acceptable Photo ID may complete an ID Exception Form and vote a Provisional Ballot. An absentee voter who is unable to include a copy of an acceptable Photo ID with the ballot return envelope may complete an ID Exception Form instead.

These voters must choose from the following three exceptions:

1. The voter has a “reasonable impediment” to showing an acceptable Photo ID, that is
 - Lack of transportation
 - Disability or illness
 - Lack of birth certificate or other documents needed to obtain ID
 - Work or school schedule
 - Family responsibilities
 - Photo ID is lost, stolen, or misplaced
 - Applied for a Photo ID but have not received it
 - (For mail voters only) Unable to attach a copy of acceptable photo ID (Voter must include their driver’s license number or the last four digits of their Social Security number)
 - Other reasonable impediment (if selected, the voter must write the reason on the form)
 - State or federal law prohibits voter from listing the reason
2. The voter has a religious objection to being photographed.
3. The voter was a victim of a natural disaster within 100 days before Election Day.

Provisional Ballots

What is a Provisional Ballot? [Provisional Voting | NCSBE](#)

A Provisional Ballot is a regular ballot held aside in a special envelope that is evaluated to determine the voter's eligibility before the envelope is opened and the ballot is tabulated.

- A Provisional Ballot can be used when a voter checks in at the polling place but either the voter's name or address is not in the database or the voter does not present an acceptable Photo ID.
- An election official at the Help Station helps the voter complete a **Provisional Voting Application** and provides a regular ballot and envelope (and an ID Exception Form if the voter did not present an acceptable Photo ID – see #2 below). The voter completes the ballot (and form) in private, seals the ballot in the envelope, and returns the materials to the Help Station.
- Board of Elections staff later research details of the Provisional Voting Application (the ballot remains sealed), then the Board of Elections members decide in a public meeting whether that voter was eligible to vote.
- If so, the voter's ballot is removed from the sealed envelope and either fed into the tabulator machine or, if applicable, partially tabulated. (Ballots are partially tabulated if a provisional voter was entitled to vote for some but not all contests on the ballot – see #3 below.)

Why vote a Provisional Ballot?

There are many situations that require voting a Provisional Ballot:

1. **No Record of Registration** – The voter's name is not in the voter registration list.
2. **No Acceptable ID** – A voter does not present acceptable Photo ID.
3. **Incorrect Precinct** – A voter presents to vote on Election Day at a polling place that is not the voter's proper polling place assigned based on the voter's residential address 30 or more days before Election Day.
4. **Unreported Move** – A voter reports an address different from the voter's registered residential address. During Early Voting an address can be updated when the voter checks in, so a Provisional Ballot might not be needed.
5. **Unrecognized Address** – An election official is unable to locate a voter's address in the county's street lookup files.
6. **Voter Already Voted** – A voter's record indicates the voter has already voted in the election.
7. **Previously Removed** – A voter was previously registered in the county but the registration was canceled for any of a number of reasons (moved within state; moved to another state; felony conviction; removed due to list maintenance; successful voter challenge; etc.).
8. **Incorrect Party** – During a partisan primary, a voter insists on voting a ballot for a political party that the voter is not affiliated with.
9. **Jurisdiction Dispute** – A voter presents to vote in a contest not in the voter's voting district based on his or her legal voting residence. For example, an individual who lives outside of the town of Pittsboro presents to vote in the Pittsboro Mayoral contest.
10. **Voted During Extended Hours** – Voters who cast a ballot during hours extended by the State Board of Elections or a court order must vote a provisional ballot.

No person should be denied the option to vote a Provisional Ballot.

County boards of elections count all eligible Provisional Ballots.