

# Drop Boxes In Michigan

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## What is a drop box?

A drop box is a secure, locked container that voters can use to return their completed absentee ballot applications and voted absentee ballots.

## How many drop boxes must each community have?

Michigan's Constitution requires that all cities and townships have at least one drop box, and that larger cities and townships have at least one drop box for every 15,000 registered voters. Communities may also choose to provide more than the required number of drop boxes.

## Where are my community's drop boxes located?

Drop boxes must be distributed equitably throughout a city or township. Voters can check where their drop boxes are located by going to [MI.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote) and clicking on "your voter information."

## Can I use any drop box in the state?

No. Voters may only use the drop boxes that are located in their city or township of residence. For example, a voter registered in Warren can use any drop box in the city of Warren, but they cannot use a drop box in Sterling Heights.

## Can someone else take my ballot to my drop box for me?

Yes, an immediate family member or a person from your household can take your ballot to your drop box.

## When are drop boxes available?

Drop boxes must be accessible and regularly serviced by local clerks 24/7 during the forty days prior to an election up to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

## Are drop boxes secure?

Yes. Drop boxes must be securely locked and bolted down, and they must be designed to prevent the removal of absentee ballots and applications, except by authorized election officials. In addition, many drop boxes are subject to video surveillance.

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