

Welcome to Early Voting –
an informational
presentation

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History

In the 2023 legislative session, the General Assembly authorized in-person early voting for elections held after April 1, 2024. Under this schedule, the first election utilizing early voting will be the Presidential Preference Primary held April 2, 2024.

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Definition – What is early voting?

Early voting is the opportunity for voters to cast their ballots prior to election day. This can take many forms, depending on the state, such as allowing in-person early voting, no-excuse absentee voting, or all-mail voting.

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How Long Does Early Voting Last?

The length of the early voting period depends on the type of election:

<u>Days</u>	<u>Election Type</u>
14	General Election
7	Most Primaries
 4	Special Elections / Presidential Preference Primary

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2024 Election Schedule

2024 Presidential Preference Primary VOTING Poll Schedule

Tues, March 26 –Thurs 28 and Saturday 30	Early In person Voting 10:00am - 6:00pm
Tuesday, April 2	Election Day 6:00am – 8:00pm

2024 State Primary VOTING Poll Schedule

Monday, August 5 – Sunday, August 11	Early In person Voting 10:00am - 6:00pm <i>Except for 8/6 & 8/8 hours are 8:00am - 8:00pm</i>
Tuesday, August 13	Election Day 6:00am – 8:00pm

2024 General Election VOTING Poll Schedule

Monday, October 21 – Sunday, November 3	Early In person Voting 10:00am - 6:00pm <i>Except for 10/29 & 10/31 hours are 8:00am - 8:00pm</i>
Tuesday, November 5	Election Day 6:00am – 8:00pm

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What do I need to do to vote early?

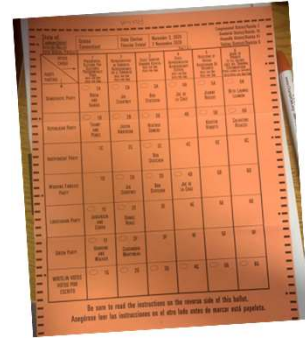
Under the new law, a person must:

- ✓ Appear in person at an early voting location when it is open
- ✓ Identify themselves just as if they were voting in person on election day (e.g., showing adequate identification or signing an affidavit attesting to his or her identity)
- ✓ Declare under oath that he or she has not previously voted in the election

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Other Information on Early Voting

- Early Voting will take place in the first floor Conference Room of the Old Saybrook Town Hall
- There will other signage outside Town Hall for:
 - Parking
 - Curbside voting (including a telephone number)
- Inside Town Hall, there will be signage for the room location (1stnd Floor) opposite the elevator.
- Early voting will be in the 1st floor conference room. There is an elevator from the front main entrance.
- Unlike Absentee Ballots, you will NOT have the opportunity to change your vote after it is cast



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How do Registrars Handle your Ballot? (before the Primary)

- Early Voting Ballots are checked off via the Checker's List
- Early Ballots are Sealed in a bag and locked in a secure area of Town Hall

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How do Registrars Handle your Ballot? (Primary Day)

- 1) Envelope is inspected
- 2) Envelope is opened
- 3) Ballot is removed, stacked, shuffled, unfolded.
- 4) Ballot is run through tabulator (we do **NOT** look at how *anyone* has voted)

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FAQs

Q1 If I am not registered to vote, can I vote early in a general election?

A2 Under **existing** law, a person can register to vote on election day for a general election through election-day registration. The **new** law adapts this system to allow individuals to register to vote any time during the early voting period for general elections and cast his or her vote the same day.

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Q2 If I am not affiliated with a political party, can I vote early in a primary election?

A2 The new law allows individuals who are not registered AND unaffiliated with a political party to register to vote and join a party during the early voting period for a primary. However, the individual must wait at least one day after enrolling before they can cast their vote in that primary. Voters who are already registered may only vote in the primary if they are affiliated with the party before the early voting period begins.

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How Will Registrars Know if you Have Voted Early?

- 1) Currently if an elector has voted via Absentee, there is an **A** placed next to your name when we run the checker book
- 2) There will be a similar designation (TBD) if an elector casts their vote early

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How Will Registrars / Election Day Staff Know if you Have Voted Early?

Example:

East Oshgash Road

	<u>#</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>
	2	Bunny	Bugs
A	3	Duck	Daffy
	4	Coyote	Wile E
E	5	Runner	Road

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Where else can I find this information?

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SOTS/Early-Voting/2024/EV_FAQs_Dates_Hours.pdf

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Thank you!!!!

Please feel free to contact us:

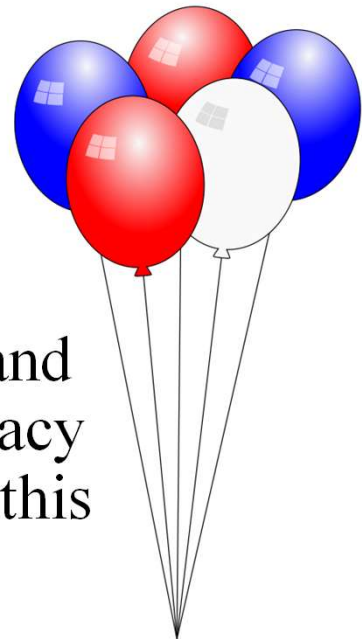
- email: Joan.Strickland@oldsaybrookct.gov
 - Joan.Broadhurst@oldsaybrookct.gov
 - Call: 860-395-3134
- Our regular office hours are Mon.&Wed. 11:00am to 2:00pm*
- We will do our best to assist you with any questions you have or direct you to the appropriate resource.

We are here to help 😊

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We thank you for your support and your commitment to our democracy by getting out and voting during this year's election season.



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