

# Quick Tips for Voting by Mail



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Thank you for participating in the Election process through Somerset's Vote by Mail program. Here are some tips to help you on the way and to ensure that your vote counts. For more information, please visit [www.co.somerset.nj.us/clerk](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/clerk) or call my office at 908-231-7013. My staff and I look forward to assisting you.

Steve Peter, Somerset County Clerk

## FILL OUT THE BALLOT

- Use pencil or blue or black ink.
- Fill in the oval to the right of your choice.
- To make a write-in choice, fill in the oval and clearly print the name of the candidate.

Governor and Lieutenant Governor Vote for One Slate	
John Q. Public Mary Smith	<input type="radio"/>
Jane Doe Tom Jones	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Eric Hall Joseph Johnson	<input type="radio"/>
David Brown Barbara Wilson	<input type="radio"/>
write in (and fill in oval) <input type="radio"/>	

## INSERT INTO THE CERTIFICATION ENVELOPE

- Place the ballot in this envelope and seal it.
- Complete and sign the **Certificate Of Mail-In Voter**. Do not detach it from the envelope.
- If someone assists you in completing your ballot, they must complete the bottom portion.
- Candidates cannot be assistors.

**DO NOT DETACH**

**FOR YOUR VOTE TO COUNT:**  
YOU MUST SEAL YOUR BALLOT IN THIS ENVELOPE AND COMPLETE & SIGN THIS CERTIFICATE.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAIL-IN VOTER**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Print your name clearly), WHOSE HOME ADDRESS IS \_\_\_\_\_ (Street address or P.O. number), DO HEREBY CERTIFY, SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES FOR FRAUDULENT VOTING, THAT I AM THE PERSON WHO MARKED THE ENCLOSED BALLOT, I MARKED AND SEALED THIS BALLOT AND CERTIFY THAT I AM THE PERSON WHO MARKED THE ENCLOSED BALLOT. I MARKED AND SEALED THIS BALLOT AND CERTIFY THAT I AM THE PERSON WHO MARKED THE ENCLOSED BALLOT.

Signature of voter: \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of voter to mark in oval)

**ANY PERSON PROVIDING ASSISTANCE SHALL COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**  
I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM THE PERSON WHO PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO THIS VOTER AND DECLARE THAT I WILL MAINTAIN THE SECRECY OF THIS BALLOT.

Signature of person providing assistance: \_\_\_\_\_ (Address of person providing assistance)

Printed name of person providing assistance: \_\_\_\_\_

## INSERT INTO THE RETURN ENVELOPE

- Place the certification envelope in the postage-paid return envelope.
- If someone mails or delivers your ballot for you, they must complete the **Bearer Portion** in front of you before the ballot leaves your possession.
- Candidates may not serve as bearers.
- A person may serve as bearer for up to 3 voters.

Voter's Name and Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**To Protect your Vote:**  
No person who is a candidate in the election for which the voter requests this ballot is permitted to serve as a bearer. No person shall serve as a bearer for more than 3 qualified voters in any election. Bearer must present valid ID with name, address and signature when delivering a ballot.

Signature of bearer: \_\_\_\_\_ (Print name of bearer)

Address of bearer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Official Election Ballot**

**BUSINESS REPLY MAIL**

POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE  
SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
20 GROVE STREET  
PO BOX 3000  
SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876-9923

NO POSTAGE NECESSARY IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES

## RETURN YOUR BALLOT

- Voted ballots may be mailed or delivered in person.
- Ballots delivered by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day AND received by the Board of Elections no later than 48 hours after the close of polls.
- Ballots that are returned in person must be delivered by the close of polls on Election Day. If delivered in person, you or your bearer must present ID when surrendering the ballot.