

ABSENTEE VOTING

*I am going to be out of town on election day, how do I vote?
I am disabled, homebound, or, just can't stand in line, how do I vote?*

Absentee voting is available to **registered** voters who will be out of the County on Election Day. Also, if a registered voter is unable to go to the polls due to physical disability, illness, or AGE (65 or older), they may request an absentee ballot. If a registered voter will be **on the job site** at their place of employment for the entire time the polls are open (7 AM to 7 PM), they may request to vote by absentee. Applications for absentee voting can be requested by the voter in person, by phone, or written request. An **immediate family** member may request an application to be sent to a voter. Once the application is returned by the voter, the ballot will be mailed to the voter to cast their vote. The ballot must be returned to the voting office no later than close of polls on election day (7 PM), **the returning envelope must be properly signed by the voter and witnessed (signature) in order to be counted**. Persons who are 65 years of age and older may vote by the absentee method if they wish to do so and properly apply. For persons admitted to a hospital **in an emergency situation within four days of an election**, some special provisions exist, call for details.

ABSENTEE VOTING NOTES:

To absentee vote through the mail, it takes **TWO mailings**, one for the application and one for the ballot (which must be returned before close of polls on election day). **START EARLY!!!!**

Immediate family may request an application be mailed or delivered to a voter. Only in the case of physically handicapped individuals, homebound voters, or confined voters, can someone other than the voter or immediate family request an application, then only after providing the proper information on the appropriate form provided by the voting office.

Ballots may only be handled by the voter, the U.S. Postal Service (or other certified carrier), or the person ***designated in writing*** by the voter to return his/her ballot to the voting office.

Contact the County Voter Registration Office for more information or to request an absentee ballot.

FOR GREENVILLE COUNTY INFORMATION CALL (864) 467-7264

Voting personally in the office is the most popular way to vote absentee, it provides for one process without the hassle of dealing with two mailings.

Greenville County Voter Registration and Election

Office will begin allowing voters to cast absentee ballots in the office beginning on May 16th, and will continue through Monday, June 13th. Normal hours will be 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday through Friday. Additional hours are set for 9 A.M. until 1 P.M. on Saturday, June 4th, and Saturday, June 11th, additionally on Thursday afternoon, June 10th, until 7 P.M. at County Square, Suite 1900, 301 University Ridge, Greenville, SC, 29601. Voters must bring their proper, acceptable, Photo ID. As always, applications to get an absentee ballot by mail may be handled through the mail, if necessary, and NOW is not too soon to request an application. Call the voter registration office in your county of residence for details.

Greenville Office Absentee number is 467-7264

For other area county voter registration office telephone numbers:

Spartanburg County – (864) 596-2550
Pickens County – (864) 898-5948
Anderson County – (864) 260-4035
Union County – (864) 429-1616
Cherokee County – (864) 487-2563
Oconee County – (864) 638-4196
Laurens County – (864) 984-4431