

Vote-by-Mail Q&A

What if my ballot gets lost in the mail?

All undeliverable ballots MUST be returned to the Supervisor of Elections, who are required to contact you with problems. So, no matter what goes wrong, your ballot will end up in the right place.

But what if I didn't get my ballot?

Track the status of your ballot at VotePinellas.com > *Mail Ballots* > *Check My Mail Ballot Status*, or call (727)-464- 8683. If your ballot is "Sent" but you have not received it, call the Supervisor's office. You can always vote in person early or on Election Day, as long as you have not already turned in a ballot.

I'm worried about the post office. Is this a safe way to vote?

Yes. Secure and Safe.

If you are concerned about post office funding and disruption, you can hand deliver your ballot to [several locations](#).

The ballot must be received by the Supervisor of Elections office by 7 PM on Nov. 3. (Note you cannot use a secure dropbox location or a precinct polling location on Nov. 3 – it must be delivered to one of the three SOE offices.)

How will I know if something's wrong?

If there is an issue with your mail-in ticket, the Supervisor of Elections must attempt to inform you using contact info you shared. You can also check the status of your ballot by going to VotePinellas.com.

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Can I fix problems with my mail-in ballot?

Yes! You can “cure” an issue by addressing it with the Supervisor of Elections, who must contact you if there is a problem. You have until 5pm on the 2nd day after the election to fix the situation.

One of the most common problems is a missing signature, so be sure to sign your envelope and check its status at VotePinellas.com!

How do I know that my vote counts?

You can review your ballot status at VotePinellas.com. Once your status shows as “Received,” your ballot has been delivered and will be counted.

When do I need to mail my ballot?

The Supervisor of Elections must receive your ballot by 7pm on election day, so they recommend mailing it at least one week in advance. You can also drop off your envelope at designated locations through the day before the election.

What if I decide to vote in person?

You can still decide to go to your polling location or to vote early, as long as you haven’t returned your ballot. To be on the safe side, take your mail ballot with you so a poll worker can mark it canceled.

Can I still get an “I Voted” sticker?

If you’re looking for that sweet, sweet sticker, you can take your mail-in ballots to one of several drop-off locations in the county and hand your ballot to a poll worker. You’ll avoid postal anxiety and get your sticker.