

How to Get an Absentee Ballot from the Portland City Clerk And Avoid Long Lines Waiting to Vote At City Hall

How to Get An Absentee Ballot and Vote When You Are Ready	Where does the Application Go?	How to Return the Ballot
Call the City Clerk's Office at 874-8677 or 874-8610 - anytime after August 4, 2008*	Not applicable	Mail or by voter in person**
Email form provided on Secretary of State's Website Anytime after August 4, 2008* http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl	Secretary of State forwards to City Clerk to process	Mail or by voter in person**
Download Application from Secretary of State's Website Anytime after August 4, 2008* http://www.maine.gov/portal/government/edemocracy/voter_absenteeform.html	Mail or bring to: City Clerk 389 Congress St Portland ME 04101 or Fax to 207-874-8612	Mail or by voter in person**
Download Application from City Clerk website Anytime after August 4, 2008* http://www.portlandmaine.gov/voter/absentee.pdf	Mail or bring to: City Clerk 389 Congress St Portland ME 04101 or Fax to 207-874-8612	Mail or by voter in person**
An immediate family member requests in writing for the voter - anytime after August 4, 2008*	City Clerk 389 Congress St Room 203	Mail or in person** by voter or in person by same immediate family member
A voter completes application designating a third party to pick up and return ballot - anytime after August 4, 2008*	City Clerk 389 Congress St Room 203	Mail or in person** by voter or in person by the same third party***

* When the printer sends the ballots to the City Clerk, the absentee ballot will be mailed to the voter (about 45 days before the election)

** You should be prepared to wait in line if you return a ballot in person to the City Clerk's office

*** Envelope must be signed by two witnesses.

Deadline to return all absentee ballots: By 8:00 P.M. on Election Night

**If you decide to vote absentee in person in the City Clerk's office, you should know that all
In Person absentee voting in the City Clerk's office will end at Noon on Saturday, November 1, 2008.**

Does my absentee ballot count? All absentee ballots are opened and counted as if you had voted at your polling place.