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Mail Ballot Drop Boxes Open Friday, October 9

*All eligible registered voters will be mailed a ballot for the November 3, 2026
General Election*

WASHINGTON, DC -- The District of Columbia Board of Elections (DCBOE) wants to remind eligible registered voters that Mail Ballot Drop Boxes for the November 3, 2026 General Election will open on **Friday, October 9, 2026 by 11:00 am.**

The 55 Mail Ballot Drop Boxes will be open 24 hours a day and will remain open until 8:00 pm on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Mail Ballot Drop Boxes will have a lock on the ballot deposit slot, but the ballot deposit slot will be open for ballot deposits. DCBOE will securely collect ballots daily.

Voters can find the locations of Mail Ballot Drop Boxes at
<https://www.dcboe.org/elections/2026-elections>.

Here are four important reminders about ballots and voting in the November 3, 2026 General Election:

1. All eligible registered DC voters will be mailed a ballot for the November 3, 2026 General Election. If you do not receive your ballot by Friday, October 30, 2026, please plan to vote in person.
2. Voters can track the status of their ballot using BallotTrax. Sign up for BallotTrax at <https://votedc.ballottrax.net/voter/>.
3. Voted ballots may be returned to a Mail Ballot Drop Box, via the US Postal Service, or at any Vote Center.
4. Voters in DC may now use ranked choice voting (RCV). Visit www.dcboe.org/RCV for interactive tools, practice ballots, and additional information about RCV.

The District of Columbia Board of Elections is an independent agency of the District of Columbia Government responsible for the administration of elections, ballot access, and voter registration.

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