

October 16, 2025

Public Notice: Timely Mailing and Return of Absentee Ballots

City of Meriden – Office of the City Clerk

Voters are reminded that under Connecticut state law (CGS § 9-140b), all mailed absentee ballots must be received by the City Clerk's Office no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted.

A postmark date on the ballot envelope does not extend the deadline. Ballots received after 8:00 p.m. on Election Day cannot be counted, regardless of when they were mailed.

Mail Delivery Timeframes

The U.S. Postal Service has informed the City Clerk's Office that mail originating in Meriden is now routed through regional processing center before returning to Meriden for local delivery. This new routing process can extend delivery times by up to six days, compared to the usual one- to two-day timeframe.

Recommendations for Voters

To ensure your ballot is received by the deadline:

- Apply early. Voters who have not yet applied for an absentee ballot should do so as soon as possible. Applications mailed within 7–10 days of the election may not allow enough time for you to receive, complete, and return your ballot by mail.
- Mail early. If you plan to return your ballot by mail, please allow at least one week for delivery.
- Use the official drop box if possible. Voters are strongly encouraged to deposit completed absentee ballots in the official ballot drop box located at the Liberty Street entrance of City Hall. The drop box is handicap accessible and monitored by camera in accordance with state law.

For additional information, please contact the Meriden City Clerk's Office at (203) 630-4030 or via email at cityclerk@meridenct.gov

The Office of the Connecticut Secretary of the State offers additional information.

Visit <https://portal.ct.gov/sots/election-services/voter-information/absentee-voting>