

# What if your ballot doesn't arrive in your mailbox?



We're being told over and over to **have a plan on how we will vote**, whether absentee, early or in person on November 3.

But what if your plan is to vote absentee and you watch your mailbox every day but your ballot never arrives?

Some cities have a plan for that. Here are a few local ones we have found. If your city has a plan, please share it with [AVPratt@aol.com](mailto:AVPratt@aol.com) so we can include it here.

## **Birmingham:**

1. City Hall will mail out ballots on Sept 21.
2. If you haven't got it by October 19, there will 8:30AM- 4:30PM ballot pick up available Oct. 19- Nov. 2
3. Make an appointment at City Hall and phone from your car in their parking lot to say you are there.
4. Wear a mask. In the parking lot, they give you a new ballot while cancelling the mailed one, and you can vote right there or return it to their kiosk later.

**Clarkston** clerks office said that they only have one precinct of about 800 residents. If they do not get their ballots, they can come to the clerk's office and get another one. They will cancel the one that they mailed previously. They are also encouraged to drop off the ballots in the drop box, rather than mail them.

**Independence Township,** which also has a Clarkston mailing address and has 13 precincts, says if a resident doesn't get the ballot, they come in and tell the clerk, who then cancels the ballot that they mailed, gives the resident a new ballot that they can fill out right there. The resident has to initiate this process.

**Southfield Township.** They take care of Beverly Hills, Franklin, and Bingham Farms. The ballots are going to go out the first week in October. If you don't get a ballot by the second week in October you can call them. What they will tell you to do is to come in & a form so that they can issue you a new ballot. They will spoil the ballot that got sent in the mail. You will walk out the door with a brand new ballot.

**Troy:** plans to run a drive-thru absentee ballot PICKUP on Sept. 26-27 from noon to 4PM at City Hall. Voters who have already filled out AV ballot app will be able to drive up and show ID to claim their ballot. City clerk says they're doing this to bypass @USPS.

**Waterford.** Mails out Ballot Friday September 25. Call City office if you do not get it by October 10.