



VOTE BY MAIL

The Path of Your Ballot

SALT LAKE COUNTY ELECTIONS

Per state law, a ballot packet will be mailed to registered voters, 21 days before an election. The U.S. Postal Service delivers the ballot packet to voters.



The ballot packet includes:



Ballot



Return envelope with signature affidavit



Instruction sheet with "I Voted" sticker

The voter makes their selections...



...places the ballot into the return envelope...

...signs the voter affidavit...



...and seals the envelope.

Voters may return ballots 3 ways



Through USPS mail (first-class return postage paid)

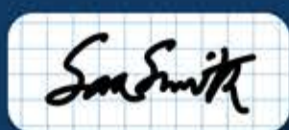


At any of the 28 drive-up ballot drop boxes (collected daily)



At any vote center, including early voting locations

Upon return, the ballot is processed. The barcode on the envelope is scanned, creating a return log and vote history for the voter. This ensures that only one ballot is accepted for each voter.



The privacy tab on the return envelope is removed, revealing the voter's signature. The signature is compared to that on the voter's record to verify that the voter signed the affidavit. The ballot remains sealed inside the envelope during this process. After the signature is verified, the ballot is removed and separated from the return envelope, making the ballot anonymous.

The ballot is prepared for counting. Ballots are carefully logged in and tracked during the tabulation process. Ballots are tabulated as they arrive in the Election Management Center, but results cannot be seen until the polls close and the Election Night Report is released.

