

## **VOTER INFORMATION**

### **TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN CONNECTICUT YOU MUST:**

- Be a United States citizen:
- Be a resident of a Connecticut town:
- Be at least 17 years old (Must turn 18 before election day)
- Have completed confinement and parole if previously convicted of a felony.

You must fill out a new voter registration card if you have moved to a new town, changed your name, your address within town, or to register with a political party or change your party affiliation. (Voters must transfer from one party to another 3 months in advance of a primary to be eligible to vote in the primary of new party.)

### **TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN RIDGEFIELD**

There are several ways to register to vote.

**In Person:** Registrar of Voters Office or Town Clerk's office at Town Hall on 400 Main Street, Ridgefield  
All CT State Motor Vehicle Departments  
Ridgefield Library or at libraries throughout the state.  
Social Services Departments or All Armed Services Recruiting Offices

**Online:** If you are a US citizen who will be 18 by election day and hold a valid CT drivers license, permit or DMV ID. Go to the CT Secretary of State's Website at <https://voterregistration.ct.gov>

**Mail-in:** Obtain Form from the Registrar's office or click on the link from the CT Secretary of State:  
[English Language Voter Registration Form](#)

The Ridgefield Registrars Office Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Election Day Registration:** If you are unable to register to vote by CT's normal deadlines, eligible voters may register and vote in person on Election Day at Town Hall 400 Main Street in Ridgefield from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Be sure to bring approved identification and proof of residency.

Voters are encouraged to include the last four digits of their Social Security # or their CT Drivers License # on their Registration Form to avoid additional ID requirements when voting for the first time.

### **Voter Registration Deadlines**

#### **Elections:**

**Mail in Registration:** Postmarked or received by the Registrar by the 14<sup>th</sup> day before an election

**On Line Voter Registration:** Submitted by the 14<sup>th</sup> day before an election

**In Person:** At the Registrar's Office by the 7<sup>th</sup> day before an election by 8pm

**Election Day Registration (EDR):** On Election Day Only - in person at the Town Hall 6:00 am – 8:00pm

#### **Referendum**

**Mail in forms:** Received by the day before a Referendum

**In Person:** At Registrar's Office until 4:30 the day before a Referendum

Unregistered voters who own "real property" in Ridgefield in excess of \$1,000 may vote off the Grand List at the Registrar's Desk at the Polling Location.

#### **Primary**

**Mail in forms:** Postmarked or received by the 5<sup>th</sup> day before a primary

**In Person:** With the Registrar or Town Clerk by 12:00 noon the day before the primary

## **RIDGEFIELD HAS FOUR VOTING DISTRICTS**

District One: East Ridge Middle School  
District Two: Scotts Ridge Middle School  
District Three: Yanity Gym  
District Four: Scotts Ridge Middle School

**POLLS ARE OPEN 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

To find your polling place and voting district: [AM I REGISTERED TO VOTE?](#)

## **VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS IN CONNECTICUT**

To vote in Connecticut, a registered voter will have to show identification or sign an affidavit. Acceptable polling-place identification can be: 1) a driver's license; 2) a non-driver DMV photo ID; 3) a Social Security card; 4) any other "preprinted form of identification," with either your name and address, or name and signature, or name and photo. If you fail to bring identification, an affidavit form issued by the Secretary of the State will be available at your polling place and must be countersigned by an Assistant Registrar of Voters at that poll.

*First time voters who registered to vote by mail and did not provide acceptable ID at registration must show identification at the polls or with their absentee ballots. Acceptable forms of identification include a copy of a current and valid photo ID or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document that shows your name and address. If you are a first time voter, you will be required to present identification and may not use the secretary of state's affidavit in lieu of acceptable ID.*

## **ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION**

You may vote by absentee ballot if you expect to be unable to appear at your polling place during the hours of voting due to one the following reasons:

- You will be absent from town during all the hours of voting
- Illness
- Physical disability
- Religion tenets that forbid secular (non-religious) activity on Election Day
- Your required performance of duties as a primary, referendum, or election official at a polling place other than your own during all the hours on Election Day
- Active service in the Armed Forces

An Absentee Ballot **application** must first be completed before the actual ballot can be issued to the applicant. A ballot cannot be issued in person to anyone other than the applicant.

**To request an absentee ballot application, you can click on: [ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION](#)**

You may also call (203-431-2783), e-mail ([townclerk@ridgefieldct.org](mailto:townclerk@ridgefieldct.org)) , or write or apply in person at Ridgefield's Town Clerk's office at Town Hall, 400 Main Street.

Town Clerk Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Town Clerk's Special Hours: Normally the Saturday before the election or referendum from 9:00 a.m. to noon for absentee ballots/absentee voting.

## **Absentee Ballots Deadlines:**

Absentee Ballot Applications Available:

Election: 31 days before an election

Primary: 21 days before a primary


Referendum: 19 days before a referendum

Absentee Ballots may be returned in person up to one day before the election and by mail if received by election, referendum or primary day.

## **Permanent Absentee Ballots for Individuals with Permanent Disabilities**

“To be eligible for permanent absentee ballot status, an elector must file with the Town Clerk an absentee ballot application together with a doctor’s certificate stating that they have a permanent disability and are unable to appear in person at their polling place. The doctor’s note should be on letterhead. There is no prescribed form—the doctor’s note and the absentee ballot application would satisfy the requirement of the law.

Permanent absentee ballot status enables the elector to receive an **absentee ballot** for each election, primary, and referendum in the municipality in which they are eligible to vote. Absentee ballots are available 21 days before a Primary and 31 days before an Election.” (Information from Ridgefield Town Clerk website.)

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