

**Weber County is holding a “Vote by Mail” election on June 25, 2013.**

**Why is Weber County conducting an election by mail?**

Voter turnout is typically very low in an off-year election. Conducting an election by mail ensures that everyone is aware of the election and has an opportunity to participate. Weber County wants as many citizens as possible to vote, and a by-mail election is one way to increase voter turnout.

States that have conducted their elections entirely by mail have typically seen a noticeable increase in voter turnout. Because of this, the Utah legislature established a commission to study the benefits of voting by mail.

**What to expect and when?**

Around the end of May, Voter Information Pamphlets will be mailed to **every** household with registered voters. This pamphlet will explain the issue on the ballot as well as the details for voting.

Some voters may receive a postcard stating a legible signature is not on file and what steps can be taken to submit a signature to the Elections Office.

Ballots cannot be forwarded so it is important that addresses are correct and up to date. Some voters may receive a postcard asking for confirmation of their current address.

All of these mailings, along with the official ballot, will have an official “Election Mail” logo:



Beginning May 28<sup>th</sup>, official ballots will be mailed to all active registered voters. Ballots will be mailed out on a weekly basis to those who register after May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**How do I return my ballot?**

Your ballot will include a postage paid return envelope. All ballots returned through the mail must be postmarked no later than June 24, 2013 (the day before Election Day).

Ballots can also be dropped off at any of the secure official ballot drop box locations beginning May 28<sup>th</sup> through Election Day, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

These same locations will also serve as Vote Centers on Election Day and will allow those who did not receive a ballot or who wish to vote on a machine the opportunity to vote in the traditional manner.

**Vote Center and ballot drop-box locations:**

- Marriott-Slaterville City Offices..... 1570 W. 400 N.
- North Ogden City Offices..... 505 E. 2600 N.
- Ogden Valley Branch Library .....131 S. 7400 E.
- Roy Municipal Building.....5051 S. 1900 W.
- South Ogden Municipal Building..... 3950 S. Adams Ave.
- Weber Center.....2380 Washington Blvd.

**Did you know?**

6,000 Weber County voters voted by mail in November 2012.

Duchesne County’s November 2012 election was entirely by mail. Their voter turnout was 92% compared to the state average of 70%.

Riverdale and Syracuse City will be conducting their municipal elections all by mail. Cache County is also holding a special election all by mail this year.

Oregon and Washington conduct all their elections by mail. They’re both in the top five states in the nation for voter turnout.

Voting by mail gives you the opportunity to study the ballot in your own home, on your own schedule, and even in your pajamas!

Some people have held “by-mail ballot parties,” where they bring their ballots, eat, discuss the issues, and then go home to vote privately.

The specially designed ballot envelope ensures that your ballot remains completely private.

**This is new and we’re here to help! Please, if you have ANY questions, call us at 801-399-8034. We’ll gladly answer any questions you may have.**

