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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION & EARLY VOTING IN ASHFIELD

Who is eligible to vote in this election?

Any Ashfield resident who will be at least 18 years old on or before November 8, 2016 and is registered to vote in Ashfield by October 19, 2016 is eligible to vote in this election.

Am I registered to vote in Ashfield? How do I check?

If you previously registered to vote in Ashfield and have returned the 2016 Annual Town Census, then you are most likely registered to vote in Ashfield. If you have moved, then you must re-register. You may check your registration status at www.sec.state.ma.us/ele. If you find that you are not registered to vote, or are listed as an Inactive Voter, then you should clarify your status before October 19th. You may register to vote online at www.RegisterToVoteMA.com or in person at the Town Clerk's Office. Remember that the deadline for registration is October 19 and the Town Clerk's Office will be open until 8:00 pm on the 19th for voter registration. If you are turning 18 on or before November 8th, then you still must register by October 19th in order to vote on November 8th.

Tell Me About Early Voting

For the first time, Massachusetts is offering early voting to any registered voter for the Presidential Election – you don't have to be unable to get to the polls, or to be traveling on November 8th in order to vote early. **ANY REGISTERED VOTER** may vote early, and Ashfield voters are urged to do so. In Ashfield, early voting will be offered at the Ashfield Town Hall on the following dates and times:

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

- October 24 – 27, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- October 31 – November 3, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

EXTRA HOURS:

- Saturday, October 29 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Friday, November 4 – 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

No application is necessary in order to vote early if you vote in person at one of the above dates and times. Early voting may also be done by mail, with the application made in writing by the voter (no family or household members) on or before Noon on Friday, November 4.

Absentee Voting

Absentee voting is still available for any voter who is unable to get to the polls in person on Election Day, or will be away from Ashfield and unable to vote in person. If you are unable to vote early at any of the dates above, then you are still eligible to vote by absentee ballot. Family or household members may apply on behalf of the voter, with the ballot mailed directly to the voter. Remember that only those who will be absent from Ashfield on Election Day, or have a disability that prevents them from going to the polls, or have a religious belief preventing them from going to the polls, are legally allowed to vote by absentee ballot. All others are urged to vote early from October 24 to November 4.

What If I am in the Military and/or Residing Overseas?

Ashfield voters who are serving in the Military or are residing overseas, either temporarily or permanently, are eligible to participate in all elections. Please contact the Town Clerk's Office to arrange for a ballot to be sent to you.