

RISE & RALLY'S HOW TO MAKE A VOTING PLAN GUIDE

Creating a solid and easy to follow voting plan is a crucial step in participating in the electoral process. By taking the time to strategize and organize your approach to voting, you can overcome potential barriers like not sending your ballot in early enough or not knowing where your local polling place is so that you can make sure your vote is cast and your voice is heard! Resources to do the following steps can be found on our "Register To Vote & Other Voting Resources" page **HERE**.

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1. CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION AND/OR REGISTER TO VOTE

Begin your voting plan by verifying your voter registration status or registering to vote if you haven't already done so. Ensuring your registration is up-to-date is crucial to participating in the democratic process. Use our convenient tools to check your registration status and make any necessary updates, ensuring that you're ready to exercise your right to vote come Election Day.

2. LEARN ABOUT YOUR EARLY VOTING OPTIONS

Familiarize yourself with early voting options available in your state to determine if you're eligible to vote before Election Day. Early voting offers flexibility and convenience, allowing you to cast your ballot at designated polling locations or by mail-in ballot within a specified timeframe. By exploring early voting opportunities, you can avoid potential crowds and long lines on Election Day, making the voting process more accessible and convenient for you.

3. EXPLORE & PLAN YOUR DAY-OF VOTING OPTIONS

Take the time to explore the voting options available to you on Election Day. Whether you prefer to vote in person at your designated polling place or via absentee ballot, understanding your day-of voting options is essential for planning your voting strategy. Research polling hours, locations, and any identification requirements to ensure a smooth voting experience on Election Day.

4. RESEARCH CANDIDATES

Equip yourself with knowledge about the candidates running for office by conducting thorough research on their backgrounds, policies, and positions on key issues. Utilize reputable sources such as candidate websites, news articles, and voter guides to gather information and make informed decisions. By researching candidates, you can vote for individuals who align with your values and priorities, contributing to a more representative and responsive government.

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5. FILL OUT PRACTICE VOTING BALLOT

Practice filling out a sample voting ballot to familiarize yourself with the voting process and ballot layout. Our practice voting ballot allows you to simulate the voting experience by marking your choices for various offices and initiatives. Practicing with a sample ballot can help alleviate any confusion or uncertainty on Election Day, ensuring that you're prepared to cast your vote confidently and accurately.

6. GO VOTE!

Finally, it's time to exercise your right to vote! Armed with your voting plan and informed decisions, head to the polls or submit your absentee ballot to make your voice heard in the democratic process. By participating in elections, you play an active role in shaping the future of your community, state, and country. Your vote matters, so don't miss this opportunity to have a say in the direction of our nation.

YOU GOT THIS!

For more resources, guides, and opportunities to connect with others who share your passion for advocacy, please visit our website at <u>www.riseandrally.org</u> and follow us on Instagram at <u>@riseandrally_</u>

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