

## Vote-By-Mail Myths & Facts

	<b>Myth:</b> A voter can't vote in person if they have received a Vote-By-Mail ballot.
	<b>Fact:</b> A voter can decide to vote at the polls in early voting or the election day instead of using their Vote-By-Mail ballot. The Supervisor of Elections will check that the vote-by-mail ballot has not been received and if it hasn't, then they can vote using a regular ballot at the polling location. Voters are not required to bring their vote-by-mail ballot when voting in person at their polling location.
	<b>Myth:</b> You can't trust the mail system to deliver your ballot.
	<b>Fact:</b> You can make sure your ballot was delivered and received! Simply go to the Supervisor of Elections website at <a href="http://www.charlottevotes.com">www.charlottevotes.com</a> or call (941) 833-5400.
	<b>Myth:</b> Vote-By-Mail is less secure than voting in person and someone could hack it.
	<b>Fact:</b> Charlotte County vote-by-mail ballots are bar coded and are opened and tabulated beginning one week before Election Day; then ballots are processed daily upon receipt. All ballots are accounted for and ballot counts are verified.
	<b>Myth:</b> If I do not receive my ballot in the mail, I cannot vote.
	<b>Fact:</b> If you did not receive your ballot in the mail, you can request a new one by contacting the Supervisor of Elections, or simply vote in person. The Supervisor of Elections mails ballots to voters approximately 40 days before the election.



**Myth:** Excessive numbers of Vote-by-Mail ballots are rejected due to signature issues.



**Fact:** Very few ballots in Charlotte County are rejected for signature issues. If there are any signature issues, the Supervisor of Elections contacts the voter the same day their ballot is received to try to resolve it.



**Myth:** A stamp is not needed to mail in a Vote-By-Mail ballot.



**Fact:** Postage may be needed to mail in your ballot! If you forget, however, the postal system will deliver ballots that lack postage and the Supervisor of Elections office will pay for the postage.



**Myth:** A Voter can return their Vote-by-Mail ballot to any polling location on Election Day.



**Fact:** On Election Day, completed Vote-by-Mail ballots can only be delivered to the Supervisor of Elections office up until 7:00 p.m.