

RUN THE CANVASS • 2026 CYCLE

BEFORE THE CANVASS

- ☐ **Walk lists pulled & assigned** – split by turf, no overlap
- ☐ **Printed materials in stock** – headcount plus a buffer
- ☐ **QR codes tested** – scan every code with a real phone – a printed QR cannot be recalled
- ☐ **Talking points reviewed** – especially the amendments language
- ☐ **Badges and lanyards counted** – plus spares
- ☐ **Paper or app decided** – tally sheets, MiniVAN or Spoke – pick one and brief everyone

DAY OF

- ☐ **Staging location confirmed** – time, address, parking – sent the day before
- ☐ **Buddy pairs assigned** – nobody walks alone
- ☐ **Turf maps ready** – printed or on phones before anyone leaves
- ☐ **Check-in / check-out** – know who is out and when they are due back
- ☐ **Emergency contacts circulated** – in hand, not texted mid-shift
- ☐ **Water and snacks at staging**

AFTER

- ☐ **Collect tally sheets same day** — or confirm the app synced
- ☐ **Enter the data** — voter file or CRM
- ☐ **Flag urgent responses separately** — needs a ride, needs info, offered to volunteer
- ☐ **Restock** — based on what actually ran out
- ☐ **Two-minute debrief** — what question did the talking points not answer?

Keep the kit light. A heavy bag and a long script both get abandoned. Walk list, candidate flyer, amendments card, tally sheet — those are the must-haves.

Test every QR code on a real phone. Confirm it lands on the correct live page before anything goes to the printer. A printed code cannot be recalled.

DATES

Sept 18 – Oct 31

Oct 23, 5 p.m.

Oct 24 – Nov 3

Tue Nov 3

Early voting (Oct 31 closes 5 p.m.)

Registration & mail-ballot deadline

Same-day registration (provisional)

Election Day, polls 6 a.m.–7 p.m.

BRIEF EVERY CANVASSER ON THESE BEFORE THEY LEAVE

- ✗ **Never use a mailbox.** Federal law — 18 U.S.C. §1725. Door, frame, handle or mat only.
 - ✗ **Never go inside a home.** Talk on the porch, even if invited in.
 - ✗ **Don't argue.** Thank them and move on.
 - ✗ **Honor "No Soliciting."** Skip it, mark it, go.
 - ✗ **No knocking after dark.** Clocks change Nov 1 — sunset ~5 p.m.
 - ✗ **Never photograph residents.**
 - ✗ **No campaign gear at the polls.** 40-foot prohibited area in Virginia.

SIGN-OUT ROSTER – nobody leaves unlisted, and nobody goes home until they are signed back in.

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Full guide and printable cards: chesapeakegop.org/field-kit

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