Before November 6th:

Verify that you are registered
✓ Visit voting.nyc and click on “Your Voter Status.”
✓ Once you put in some information about yourself you will see your voter information and your district information.
✓ Make sure that your “Voter Status” is “Active.”

Know your polling place
✓ Your polling place is the location near your home where you will go to vote. Visit voting.nyc and click on “Where to Vote.”

Know the issues and elected positions
✓ Visit https://ballotpedia.org/Sample_Ballot_Lookup to see the Ballot Measures you will be able to vote on as well as the candidates for each of the positions up for election.*

Decide which candidates you will vote for
✓ Research the candidates up for election in your district and in New York State.
✓ Visit voteeasy.votesmart.org for an easy way to identify candidates and read about their records.*

Make a plan and tell your friends!
✓ Polling sites in New York City are open from 6:00 am until 9:00 pm on November 6th.
✓ Decide which time of day will be best for you to go to the polls.
✓ Plan to meet friends and family and vote together.

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Go Vote
✓ You may have to wait in line, but be patient; you will get your turn to vote.
✓ If you are in line at your polling place by 9:00 pm you can vote. You may not be turned away, so stay in line!

Be prepared to give your name and address
✓ Provide your address to the volunteers and they will tell you your district and send you to the right district table to get your ballot.
✓ Give the volunteers at the district table your full name, sign the voter roll, and you will be handed your ballot.

Take your time
✓ You will be sent to a private booth to vote. Read the ballot carefully to make sure you complete it correctly (the front and back).
✓ If you have any questions you can come out of the booth and ask a volunteer for help. Interpreters are available at some polling sites if you need one.
✓ When you are finished filling out your ballot a volunteer will direct you to a scanner. Scan your ballot in the direction that the screen shows you to and you’re done!

Congratulate yourself!
✓ Get an I VOTED sticker and wear it proudly!
✓ Even though you’ll want to inspire others to get out and vote too, make sure you don’t take pictures of your ballot; it’s against the law.

* Information from third party websites is not verified or endorsed by NYCDOE. The DOE is not responsible for content found on or through these sites.

FIRST TIME VOTERS: If you did not provide the last digits of your social security number or driver’s license number on your voter registration, you will be asked for a government issued ID. If you do not have a government issued ID with you, you may still vote using an affidavit ballot. An affidavit ballot is a different paper ballot used in case your name is not listed in the poll book. Do not let anyone turn you away for not having identification!

If you provided the identification information on your voter registration form or if this is not your first time voting you do not need to show identification to vote.