

# ELECTIONS

If you have questions regarding voting in Clark County, call the County Clerk's Office at (715) 743-5148 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

## WHO CAN VOTE?

You may vote if:

- You are a United States Citizen.
- You are 18 years old or older on Election Day.
- You have lived in your election district for 10 days prior to the election.

You may not vote if:

- You are still required to report to a probation or parole officer because of a felony conviction.
- You have been ruled incapable of voting by a judge.

Wisconsin allows registration at the polls on Election Day. If you are voting in an election district for the first time, you must present identification with your current address on it such as a Wisconsin Driver's License, phone bill, power & light bill or rent receipt.

## WHEN DO I VOTE?

Election Day is always on a Tuesday unless a Special Election or a Referendum is held.

### Spring Elections

Primary: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in February

General: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in April

### Fall Elections are in even numbered years

Primary: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in September

General: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in November

## WHERE DO I VOTE?

Check with your municipal clerk for the location of your polling place.

## HOW DO I CAST A VOTE?

1. Check in at the polling place by giving the election official your name and address. You will be given a ballot and directed to the voting booth.
2. Enter the voting booth and mark your ballot.
3. Drop your ballot in the ballot box or insert your ballot into the optical reader.

## WHAT IF I MAKE A MISTAKE?

If you make a mistake, return your ballot to the election official. Tell the inspector that you made a mistake and request a new ballot. An election official is allowed to give you up to three replacement ballots if errors are made or the ballot is defective. If you need assistance of any kind, have a visual or physical disability, do not speak English or have trouble understanding the English language ask the election official for help. You may select someone to assist you in voting. That individual may not be your employer or an agent of your employer or an officer or agent of a union representing you.

## WHO CAN REQUEST AND RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

Voters are allowed to cast their ballots prior to Election Day, either by mail or in the municipal clerk's office. This process is called absentee voting. Any qualified elector can request an absentee ballot.

### **HOW DOES AN ELECTOR REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?**

The request is made to the municipal clerk in writing by using the Application for Absentee Ballot, or by letter requesting an absentee ballot which substantially provides the information required on the application form. The elector making the request must sign the application. (If a request is made for more than one person residing at the same address, each person must sign the request.)

### **WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES FOR MAKING A REQUEST?**

- By mail – the request must be in the office of the municipal clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding an election. (This is the last day a clerk can mail an absentee ballot to an elector.)
- In person at the clerk's office – up to 5:00 p.m. on the day preceding the election.

Upon receipt of a completed application for an absentee ballot, the clerk will mail a ballot to the voter. Follow all enclosed instructions and make sure to vote in private, except when assistance is required. A voted absentee ballot must be returned to the municipal clerk in the Certificate-Affidavit Absentee Envelope provided. Make sure that the Affidavit is properly filled out and signed by the voter and a witness. It must arrive in time for the clerk to deliver the ballot to the proper polling place on Election Day before the closing hour.