VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

August 11, 2026

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.

YOU MUST MAKE A REQUEST FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN WRITING or ONLINE AT MYVOTE.WI.GOV

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the election. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter or you may apply for an absentee ballot online at MyVote.wi.gov. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION MUST ALSO BE PROVIDED. You may make written application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov.

Making an application to receive an absentee ballot by mail:

The deadline for making an application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is: 5 pm

on the fifth day before the election, August 6, 2026

Note: Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

Voting an absentee ballot in person:

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

Town of Emmet - Clerk Melody Hoffmann

W6777 Second Street Rd. Watertown, WI 53098

920-261-1611

9:30am to 11:30am (M-Tu)

9:30am to 11:30am (F)

Town of Shields - Clerk Julie Klusken

N1638 Wood Road

Watertown, WI 53098

920-261-7154-office

920-253-0135- personal

By appt only (M-F)

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: July 28, 2026

**The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is Friday, August 7, 2026, at 5pm, unless otherwise indicated. No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election.

The Municipal Clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on Tuesday, August 11, 2026. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.