

April 2024

Be Ready for the Nov 5 Election

Vote by Mail Do's and Don'ts

DuPage County Vote By Mail (VBM) Checklist

- Sign up for Vote by Mail (VBM):** Complete [online VBM application](#).
- Election Division begins mailing VBM ballots on Sept 26.
- Complete ballot as soon as possible, place in the postage-paid envelope, seal, date & sign the envelope with the signature you use to vote.
- Return ballot:
 - Mail ballot (must be postmarked by Nov 5) -OR-
 - Place ballot in DuPage County secure drop box by Nov 5 -OR-
 - Take ballot to any Early Voting or Election Day Site
- Track your Vote By Mail ballot – sign up for dupage.ballottrax.net/voter/

Voting Your Vote By Mail Ballot

Follow the Election Division instructions enclosed with your ballot

1

VOTE YOUR BALLOT

Instructions for marking the ballot are located on the top of the ballot.

If you spoil or damage your ballot, contact the DuPage County Clerk Election Division at 630-407-5600 for instructions to obtain another ballot.

Write-in candidates may be voted by using the blank line immediately following the last printed candidate name for the chosen office.

2

FOLD YOUR BALLOT

Remove the perforated stub from the top of your ballot.

Fold your ballot in the same manner it was received, insert and seal it in the certification/return ballot envelope.

3

SIGN YOUR BALLOT ENVELOPE



You must sign and date the return ballot envelope!

The election judges will reject your ballot if the certification/return ballot envelope is not signed. **Your signature will be compared with your voter registration signature.**

You should only complete the **affidavit of delivery** on the certification/return ballot envelope flap if/when your ballot is being hand delivered (by someone other than the United States Postal Service) to the DuPage County Clerk Election Division Office before election day or to a polling location

4

MAIL YOUR BALLOT ENVELOPE

Mail the signed certification/return ballot envelope as soon as possible.

If your ballot is returned to you by the post office, please line out your address and deposit in a mail receptacle.

Your vote by mail ballot must be postmarked no later than election day.

5

BALLOT DROP OFF

You may also drop off your voted ballot at the DuPage County Clerk Election Division office, at drop boxes located at the parking lot and main entrance of the Jack T. Knuepfer Administration Building, 421 County Farm Road, Wheaton, or at a DuPage County polling site.

Do's & Don'ts of Marking Your VBM Ballot

- Mark your ballot by filling in completely the rectangle box by your desired candidate using a black pen.
- DO NOT USE PENCIL or COLORED INKS.
- Avoid stray marks.
- Neatness counts!

If you make a mistake, it is ok – but you MUST correct it so that your desired choice is clearly understood by VBM judges.

SAMPLE BALLOT

DU PAGE COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT November 8, 2022
CONDADO DE DU PAGE BOLETA DE LA ELECCIÓN GENERAL 8 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2022

BLOOMINGDALE 059-0155 JUDGE'S INITIALS: _____

To vote, darken the box to the LEFT of your choice. To cast a write-in vote, darken the box to the LEFT of the blank space provided and write the candidate's name in that space. For specific information, refer to the card of instruction posted in the voting booth. If you tear, spoil, deface or erroneously mark this ballot, return it to the election judge and obtain another.
Para votar, oscurezca de esta manera la caja que esta al lado IZQUIERDO de su elección. Para emitir un voto por escrito, oscurezca la caja que esta al lado IZQUIERDO del espacio en blanco y escriba el nombre del candidato en ese espacio. Para información específica, recurra a la tarjeta de instrucciones que está en la casilla de votación. Si usted rompe, daña, desfigura o erróneamente marca la boleta, regrésela al juez electoral y obtenga otra.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ESTADO DE ILLINOIS

Jean Kaczmarek
Jean Kaczmarek - DuPage County Clerk

FEDERAL
FEDERAL

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR
PARA SENADOR DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS
(Vote for one)
(Vote por uno)

TAMMY DUCKWORTH
DEMOCRATIC

KATHY SALVI
REPUBLICAN

BILL REDPATH
LIBERTARIAN

Write-in Escribir en

LEGISLATIVE
LEGISLATIVO

FOR STATE SENATOR
24TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
PARA SENADOR ESTATAL
24TO. DISTRITO LEGISLATIVO
(Vote for one)
(Vote por uno)

LAUREN "LAURIE" NOWAK
DEMOCRATIC

SETH LEWIS
REPUBLICAN

REPRESENTATIVE
REPRESENTATIVO

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
47TH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
PARA REPRESENTANTE EN LA ASAMBLEA
GENERAL
47MO. DISTRITO REPRESENTATIVO
(Vote for one)

Write-in Escribir en

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL
PARA FISCAL GENERAL
(Vote for one)
(Vote por uno)

KWAME RAOUL
DEMOCRATIC

THOMAS G. DeVORE
REPUBLICAN YES

DANIEL K. ROBIN
LIBERTARIAN no

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

Marking Your VBM Ballot (con't)

Multiple Candidates per Office

- Read carefully.
- Don't confuse the **TERM** with **HOW MANY TO VOTE FOR YOU** as seen in this example.
- If you vote for more than the maximum allowed, this will result in an "over vote" and your votes for that office will NOT count

GLENBARD TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 87 DISTRITO 87 DE ESCUELAS SECUNDARIAS DEL MUNICIPIO DE GLENBARD	
FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2 YEAR TERM PARA MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN PARA SERVIR EN UN PERIODO DE 2 AÑOS QUE AÚN NO HA EXPIRADO (Vote for one) (Vote por uno)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]
<input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]
FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4 YEAR TERM PARA MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN PARA SERVIR UN PERIODO COMPLETO DE 4 AÑOS (Vote for three) (Vote por tres)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]
<input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]
<input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]
<input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]
<input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]

Marking Your VBM Ballot (con't)

Write-in Candidates

- ONLY use this line if your candidate of choice is not listed.
- If your candidate is listed, **DO NOT** add their name to the “write-in” line and **DO NOT** fill in that box.
- By filling in both name and box, this will result in an “over vote” and your vote for this office will NOT count!

Review Ballot

- Complete both sides of the ballot.
- Have you made any errors?
- If errors, have you indicated your correct choice?
- Over votes = no vote – correct those errors!!

LIBERTARIAN 110

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE
PARA LA SECRETARIA DE ESTADO
(Vote for one)
(Vote por uno)

ALEXI GIANNOULIAS
DEMOCRATIC

DAN BRADY
REPUBLICAN

JON STEWART
LIBERTARIAN

Write-in Escribir en

FOR COMPTROLLER

Returning Your VBM Ballot: *Completing the Envelope*

Vote by Mail Ballot
Boleta de Voto por Correo

Voter: Seal ballot in this envelope and complete certification
Elector: Sellar la boleta en esta sobre, y completar la certificación

Certification Ballot Envelope
Sobre de Certificación de Boleta

I state that I am a resident in the township, precinct, address, and city/village as listed, all in the County of DuPage and State of Illinois; that I have lived at said address for 30 days preceding this election; that I am lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at the election indicated. I further state that I personally marked the enclosed ballot in secret.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/29-10, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in the certification are true and correct.

Yo afirmo ser residente del municipio, del distrito electoral, de la dirección y de la ciudad/ pueblo como indicado, todos pertenecientes al Condado de DuPage y al Estado de Illinois; haber vivido en dicha dirección por 30 días antes de celebrarse esta elección; tener plenamente el derecho de votar en dicho distrito electoral en la elección indicada. Yo además afirmo haber marcado personalmente en secreto la boleta adjunta.

Bajo las penalidades estipuladas por ley conforme a la 10 ILCS 5/29-10, el abajo firmante certifica que las declaraciones expuestas en esta solicitud son verdaderas y correctas.

(Signature of Vote by Mail Voter Required)
(Se Requiere la Firma del Elector Votando por Correo)

X _____

Date / Fecha _____

- SIGN and DATE the envelope – this signature MUST match your signature on file with the DuPage County Clerk’s office.
- If they do not match, you will be contacted by the Clerk’s office for an opportunity to come in to verify your signature.
- If you do not respond your ballot will be voided and your vote will not count.

Returning Your VBM Ballot: *When to complete the envelope flap*

The image shows a sample of a VBM ballot envelope. At the top left, there is a box with the text "NO POSTAGE NECESSARY IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES". To the right of this box are four vertical bars. Below these bars is the "Affidavit of Delivery" section, which is circled in blue. A pink arrow points from the text on the right towards this section. The "Affidavit of Delivery" section contains the following text: "I _____, authorize _____ to take necessary steps to have this ballot delivered promptly to the office of the election authority". Below this are lines for "(Date)", "(Signature of Voter)", and "(Printed Name of Authorized Delivery Agent)". There is also a line for "(Signature of Authorized Delivery Agent)". To the right of the "Affidavit of Delivery" section is the "Declaración Juranda de Entrega" section, which contains the following text: "Yo _____, autorizo _____ tomar las medidas necesarias para que esta boleta sea entregada inmediatamente a la oficina de la autoridad Electoral". Below this are lines for "(Fecha)", "(Firma de Elector)", and "(Nombre del Individuo Autorizado para enviarla)". There is also a line for "(Firma del Individuo Autorizado para enviarla)". At the bottom of the "Declaración Juranda de Entrega" section, there is a box containing a line for "(Individual rendering assistance / Individuo que presta la asistencia)" and a line for "(Address / Dirección)". At the bottom of the envelope, there is a line for "FROM / DE" and a line for "6".

You only need to complete the affidavit of delivery if your ballot is being hand delivered to the DuPage County Election Division Office before election day or to a polling location.

Returning Your VBM Ballot: *If Mailing Your VBM Ballot*

The image shows a sample of a VBM ballot envelope. A red circle highlights the postmark area, which contains the date "March 19, 2024". A red arrow points to this area. The envelope features the following text and graphics:

- Top left: "Declaración Juranda de Entrega" (Declaration of Mailing) with fields for "To:" and "From:".
- Top right: "IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES" with a series of horizontal bars.
- Center: "OFFICIAL ELECTION MAIL" logo with stars and the text "Authorized by the U.S. Postal Service".
- Below logo: "Official Vote by Mail Balloting Material - First - Class Mail" and "Material Oficial para Votación de Voto por Correo -Correo de Primera -Clase".
- Bottom center: "BUSINESS REPLY MAIL" logo with "FIRST-CLASS MAIL PERMIT NO. 1408 WHEATON, IL" and "POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE".
- Bottom right: "DUPAGE COUNTY CLERK - ELECTION DIVISION", "PO BOX 1087", "WHEATON, IL 60187-9684".
- Bottom left: "Revised June 2020", "SBE No. B-1-1A, 10 ILCS 5/19-5", "AB-4DP-BL", and "RUNBECK ELECTION SERVICES".

USPS Postmark is **IMPORTANT!!!!**

- Remember – your mailed ballot must be postmarked by Nov 5, 2024.
- If your ballot is delivered to the Clerk’s office AFTER Election Day, the envelope MUST have a postmark indicating a date prior or no later than Election Day to be valid.

Still Have Questions...?



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