

August 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/](https://dupage.ballottrax.net/voter/)

# Voting Your Vote By Mail Ballot

*Follow the Election Division instructions enclosed with your ballot*

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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

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## 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.

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## 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	
<b>FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2 YEAR TERM</b> 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]
<b>FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4 YEAR TERM</b> 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

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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. A pink arrow points to the 'Affidavit of Delivery' section, which is circled in blue. The envelope has a header with 'UNITED STATES IN THE IF MAILED NECESSARY NO POSTAGE ON' and a barcode. The 'Affidavit of Delivery' section contains the following text:

**Affidavit of Delivery**

I \_\_\_\_\_, authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to take  
(Voter Voting by Mail) (Authorized Individual)  
necessary steps to have this ballot delivered promptly to the office of the election authority

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Voter) \_\_\_\_\_

(Printed Name of Authorized Delivery Agent) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Authorized Delivery Agent) \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete section below if you were assisted in voting your Vote by Mail ballot.**  
Llene la sección de abajo si usted recibió asistencia al marcar su boleta de Voto por Correo.

**If I received assistance in casting my ballot, I further attest that, due to physical incapacity, I marked the enclosed ballot in secret with the assistance of:**  
Si yo recibí asistencia al emitir mi voto, yo además testifico que, debido a mi incapacidad física, yo marqué en secreto la boleta adjunta con la asistencia de:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Individual rendering assistance / Individuo que presta la asistencia)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address / Dirección)

FROM / DE \_\_\_\_\_

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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. At the top, there is a section for the voter's name and address, with a red circle around the postmark area. The postmark is a circular stamp that reads "March 19, 2024". A red arrow points to this postmark. Below the postmark, there is a section for the return address, labeled "FROM / DE". The envelope features the "OFFICIAL ELECTION MAIL" logo, which includes the text "Authorized by the U.S. Postal Service". Below the logo, there is a box that reads "Official Vote by Mail Balloting Material - First - Class Mail" and "Material Oficial para Votación de Voto por Correo -Correo de Primera -Clase". Below this, there is a "BUSINESS REPLY MAIL" label with the text "FIRST-CLASS MAIL PERMIT NO. 1408 WHEATON, IL" and "POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE". At the bottom, there is a barcode and the address "DUPAGE COUNTY CLERK - ELECTION DIVISION PO BOX 1087 WHEATON, IL 60187-9684".

## 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...?



Email us

[voterservice@wheatonlwwil.org](mailto:voterservice@wheatonlwwil.org).



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[vote411.org](http://vote411.org)

