

Vote By-Mail

The Path Of Your Ballot

1. When a jurisdiction decides to conduct its elections by mail this is what a voter should expect.

2. Ballot packets will be mailed to registered voters about 3 weeks before each election. The ballot packet includes:

- Outer envelope
- Inner return envelope
- Ballot

3. The US Postal Service delivers the ballot packet to each registered voter.

4. The voter makes their selections on the ballot and places the voted ballot in the envelope. Following the simple 5 step process listed on the envelope, the voter prepares their ballot to be returned.

Signature Privacy Tab

Ballot

Voter Sign Here
X _____
Daytime phone number _____

STEP 1: Insert ballot completely below red line.
STEP 2: Sign Voter Affidavit.
STEP 3: Fold down on **DOTTED LINE** to hide signature.
STEP 4: moisten both glue strips and fold flap down on **DOTTED LINE** to seal envelope.
STEP 5: Seal at top and bottom of flap by pressing along blue bars to seal.

5. The voter returns their ballot in the provided envelope using one of three methods.

1. Through the mail
2. At one of the drop locations
3. At a polling location on Election Day

6. Upon return, the ballot is placed in a batch for processing with other returned ballots. The County Clerk will:

- Scan the barcode on the envelope label, creating a return log and a vote history for the voter, which ensures that only one ballot is returned for each voter.

7. The privacy tab of the envelope is opened revealing the signed affidavit, but maintaining the ballot sealed in the envelope.

Every signature is compared to the signature that is associated with each voter's registration. After the signature is verified, the affidavit is removed from the envelope, making the envelope anonymous.

8. The envelope is opened, the ballot removed.

9. The ballot is unfolded and prepared for counting.

10. After the ballots are counted results will be released Election Night.