

Instructions for Completing and Returning Your Absentee Ballot

1. Use pen to fill in the oval that corresponds to your choice of candidate(s).
2. MAKE NO OTHER MARK ON YOUR BALLOT(S).
3. When you are done voting, fold your ballots and put them in your “oath” envelope. If you are voting both ballots, both of them go in this one envelope. This is the envelope that has a place for signing on the back, says “Official Absentee Ballot” on the front, and no red or blue stripe on it.
4. Seal the oath envelope containing your ballot(s).
5. Sign the back of your oath envelope where it says “signature or mark of voter.” Do not sign where it says “witness to mark” if you are the voter.
6. Date the oath envelope where indicated (near signature line).
7. Place the oath envelope inside the return mail envelope (the one addressed to the Tompkins County Board of Elections) that has a red stripe and a blue stripe on the front and back.
8. Seal the return mail envelope and put it out for the mail carrier. No postage necessary.