

TOMPKINS COUNTY PLAN FOR DROPPING OFF ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Voters can drop off completed absentee ballots at the Tompkins County Board of Elections during business hours, at our two Early Voting sites during voting hours and at any one of the 36 polling places on Election Day. Before dropping off the ballots, voters should make sure that after they have marked their ballot, that they put the ballot inside the oath envelope (the only envelope that has a place for them to sign their name), that they have sealed the oath envelope, and that they have signed their name on the oath envelope in the designated place below the oath.

When dropping off their ballot at the Board of Elections offices at 128 E. Buffalo St., Ithaca, NY, voters can insert their ballots into a designated box for ballots that will be immediately inside the front door of the office. Our office hours are 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM on weekdays. We will be open from 9 AM – 12 Noon on Saturdays October 24th and October 31st. We will be open until 7 PM on October 20, 22, 27, and 29. We will be open until 9 PM on Election Day, November 3.

Our two Early Voting sites are the Town of Ithaca Town Hall, 215 N. Tioga St., Ithaca, NY 14850 and the Crash Fire Rescue Conference Room at 72 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850 (next to Taughannock Aviation). During Early Voting hours, there will be a box immediately inside the entrance door for voters to insert their ballot. At the end of each day of Early Voting, the ballots will be placed inside a designated transport bag and sealed. The bag will be kept under locked storage until they are brought down to our offices.

On Election Day, November 3, a voter may deliver their ballot to any of the 36 polling places in Tompkins County between the hours of 6 AM and 9 PM. There will be signs placed in a conspicuous area near the entrance to the polling place instructing the voter to hand the ballot to any Election Worker and to be sure that whoever they hand the ballot to has a name badge on. The sign will also instruct them that they do not have to wait in line to deliver a ballot. The poll worker will immediately place the ballot inside a designated transport bag that will be kept behind the sign in table. At 9 PM, the bag will be sealed and sent back to the Board of Elections with all of the secured materials that they normally bring back to the Board of Elections after the polls have closed.