

2024 Early Voting Communication Plan – Tompkins

Early Voting for November 5, 2024 General Election

Early Voting Period: Saturday October 26, 2024 – Sunday November 3, 2024

Early Voting Sites with address and hours of operation. All early voting sites are accessible to voters with physical disabilities.

<u>Site</u>	<u>Days Open</u>	<u>Hours Open</u>
1. Town of Ithaca Town Hall 215 N. Tioga St. (corner of E. Buffalo St.) Ithaca, NY 14850	All Specified Days	9 AM to 5 PM all days except Tuesday and Thursday in which the hours will be 9 AM to 8 PM
2. CFR Building Conference Room 72 Brown Rd. (next to Taughannock Aviation) Ithaca, NY 14850	All Specified Days	9 AM to 5 PM all days except Tuesday and Thursday in which the hours will be 9 AM to 8 PM

FAQ

General Election – November 5, 2024

What is Early Voting?

Early voting is a nine consecutive day period where voters can vote in-person before Election Day in their county.

Who can vote early?

For the General Election to be held on November 5, 2024, any registered voter in Tompkins County is eligible to vote early.

When can I vote early?

For the November 5th General Election, the Early Voting period will be from: **Saturday, October 26, 2024 through Sunday, November 3, 2024**. The polls will be open each day from 9 AM until 5 PM **except** Tuesday and Thursday when the polls will be open from 9 AM until 8 PM.

Where can I vote early?

For the 2024 General Election, there will be two Early Voting centers in Tompkins County. They will be the Town of Ithaca Town Hall located at 215 N. Tioga Street (corner of E. Buffalo Street) in downtown Ithaca and at the CFR Building Conference Room located at 72 Brown Road, next to Taughannock Aviation at the Airport.

How will I vote during early voting?

Voting during early voting is the same as voting on Election Day. When you get to the early voting center, you will check in to vote, receive your ballot and vote as in any other election. There will be instructions available at the early voting centers to familiarize you with the ballot. There will also be a notice to voters and bill of rights. You may ask an election inspector to explain how to vote, or if you need any assistance.

If you vote during the early voting period, you are not eligible to vote on Election Day.

When will early voting results be posted?

Early voting results will be canvassed and reported along with ballots voted on Election Day after 9 PM on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 for the General Election.

Describe your early voting communication plan to raise awareness of early voting opportunities to the voters in your County.

1. Was this plan posted to social media? YES

Specify social media sites and dates posted:

Tompkins County Board of Elections Facebook Page. It was posted on May 17, 2024.

2. Was this plan posted to your CBOE website? YES

List date posted and website address.: www.tompkinscountyny.gov/boe on May 17, 2024.

3. List media outlets that you shared your early voting communication plan. What efforts did you take to engage media?:

We will work with Dominick Recchio, Director of Communications for Tompkins County to publicize Early Voting with all of our media outlets. He will work with us to engage local media in doing stories on the benefits of voting early.

4. List and describe stakeholder partnerships and outreach.

- Finger Lakes Independence Center: We have a meeting scheduled with them to discuss accessibility in polling places and will work with them to publicize Early Voting.
- We communicate with the local political parties and their candidates to promote Early Voting.
- We have started meeting with the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office, County Administration, Information Technology Services, City of Ithaca Police Department, Department of Emergency Responses and will include in later meetings Cornell University Police Department to work on a safety plan for Election days.

5. List and describe voter outreach methods.

- Annual Mail Check Card was mailed out in early May and it prominently publicizes Early Voting on the front of the card.
- Email a pdf of our flyer to each municipality in Tompkins County which lists the locations and hours for Early Voting prior to each election and ask them to post it in their office and share it.

- We place a sandwich board in front of our office leading up to and during Early Voting days that lists the locations and hours for voting early.
 - If we have to change any polling place for Election Day, we mail a notice to every affected voter. In that mailing we make them aware that Early Voting is an option they should consider.
6. Did you create a committee for early voting outreach? NO.
 7. Did you send a mail card with early voting information? YES.
 8. Did your communication plan have a clear notice to voters that if they cast a ballot during early voting then they are not allowed to vote on election day? YES.
 9. Are all of your early voting poll sites accessible to the public? YES.
 10. Are all of your poll site surveys submitted? YES.