

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.

You must make a request for an absentee ballot in writing.

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. You may make an application for an absentee ballot by mail, email, or in person.

Making an application to receive an absentee ballot by mail

The deadline for making an application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is 5 pm on the fifth day before the election, **October 29, 2026.**

Note: Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

Voting an absentee ballot in person

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

**DEBBIE BOUMA, CLERK
TOWN OF RICE LAKE
1830 MACAULEY AVE
RICE LAKE, WI 54868
PHONE: 715 234 8087**

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is/was:
October 20, 2026, 8:00-12:00

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office:
October 30, 2026, 8:00-12:00

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election.

The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on **TUESDAY, November 3, 2026**. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

(Note: The Type E Notice is published by the municipal clerk on the 4th* Tuesday before each primary and each election held in the municipality. If a weekly paper is used for publication, the notice is published in the closest preceding issue to the 4th* Tuesday before each primary and each election. If a municipality chooses to post this notice in lieu of publication, the notice must be posted no later than the 4th* Tuesday before the primary or the election.)

* The Type E Notice for a special primary or election for national state, county or municipal or special district office, not held concurrently with the spring or general election, is published on the 3rd Tuesday preceding the primary or election. Wis. Stat. §§ 10.01(2)(e), 10.06(3)(f).