

NOTICE
TOWN OF RICE LAKE, BARRON COUNTY, WI

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. Effective with the Spring Primary in 2012, proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued, unless the elector is otherwise exempt from this requirement.

TO OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT YOU MUST MAKE A REQUEST 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 request an absentee ballot by 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.

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.

You can also personally go to the clerk's office or other specified location, complete a written application, and vote an absentee ballot during the hours specified for casting an absentee ballot.

JANET TOMESH, CLERK/TREASURER
1830 MACAULEY AVE., RICE LAKE, WI 54868
HOURS: MON-WED 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM AND THURS. NOON – 4:00 PM
PHONE: 715-234-8087

THE DEADLINE FOR MAKING APPLICATION TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL IS 5:00 P.M. ON THE FIFTH DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION, MARCH 29, 2012.

MILITARY ELECTORS SHOULD CONTACT THE MUNICIPAL CLERK REGARDING THE DEADLINES FOR REQUESTING OR SUBMITTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT.

THE FIRST DAY TO VOTE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE IS MARCH 19, 2012. THE DEADLINE FOR VOTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE IS 5:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE ELECTION, MARCH 30, 2012.

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 APRIL 3, 2012. ANY BALLOTS RECEIVED AFTER THE POLLS CLOSE WILL BE COUNTED BY THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS IF POSTMARKED BY ELECTION DAY AND RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION.

**Janet Tomesh,
Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Rice Lake**

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