

**TO OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT YOU MUST MAKE A REQUEST IN WRITING**

**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.

**How to Request an Absentee Ballot**

Please Note: **If you wait until the deadline, due to mail schedules you may not get your absentee ballot back in time to vote.**

**Online.** You may request an absentee ballot online by visiting <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/VoteAbsentee>. This request must be made no later than 5pm on the Thursday before the election.

**By Mail.** Download the [application](#), complete the form and mail it to your municipal clerk's office (address below). The application must be received no later than 5pm on the Thursday before the election

**In Person.** You may vote early in person at the clerk's office. Dates and hours for early voting may vary, though it can begin no earlier than 14 days before the election and ends no later than the Sunday before the election. Please contact the Town of Martell clerk, Dale Olson for an appointment.

**A copy of your current photo ID must accompany your application.**

Military and permanent overseas voters do not need to provide a photo ID with their request.

**Deadline for Returning Your Absentee Ballot**

Your complete absentee ballot must be delivered no later than 8pm on Election Day. **The US Postal Service recommends you mail your absentee ballot one week before Election Day to ensure it arrives in time.** You may hand-deliver you absentee ballot to your polling place by 8pm on Election Day.

**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**

In-person absentee voting may be conducted beginning no earlier than 14 days prior to each election and ending no later than the Sunday prior to election day. No in-person absentee voting is allowed on the Monday prior to election day. Wis. Stat. § 6.86(1)(b).

Municipality	Clerk	Address	Office Hours	Email & Phone
Town of Martell	Dale Olson	W5581 800 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Spring Valley, WI 54767	By Appointment	<a href="mailto:martell.clerk01@gmail.com">martell.clerk01@gmail.com</a>  715-317-1395

**Voting in person at the Town of Martell Clerk's office is by appointment only. The last day to vote an absentee ballot in person at the Town of Martell clerk's office is 5:00 pm on the Friday before the election. There is no in person absentee voting on Saturday or Sunday for the Town of Martell.**

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. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.