

SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

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Have an Absentee Ballot in Hand? Clerk Clark says Deliver to a Drop Box

“If you still have an absentee ballot in hand,” Santa Fe County Clerk Katharine Clark said, “you should deliver it to a drop box. We have 8 secure permanent drop boxes around the County and one inside of each open polling site.”

The 8 permanent drop boxes are open 24 hours until 7pm sharp on Election Day, when the polls close. A map with all the secure permanent drop boxes can be found at [SantaFe.Vote](https://www.santafe.vote). Secure drop boxes are monitored with motion sensitive video cameras and have heat and moisture sensors and door alerts. They are checked at least once every 24 hours by Clerk staff and will be closed at 7pm sharp on Election Day, November 8th.

Clerk Clark said “We’ve also instituted GPS tracking and a chain of custody system for all of our traveling ballots from drop boxes”. Voters who deliver their ballot to a drop box can have peace of mind, knowing their ballot is secure and will certainly be counted on Election Day.”

“Mailed absentee ballots have to arrive at the Clerk’s office by 7pm on Election Day, regardless of when they are postmarked.” Clark explained, “Get those ballots to a drop box now! From here on out, that is the only way to guarantee your absentee ballot is counted.”

She said voters who have already requested but have not yet received their ballots should consider going in person and voting early. “However, even if it takes until Election Day to receive your ballot, you can, and should, deliver it to a drop box by 7pm.”

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