

# SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE

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### **Santa Fe County Clerk’s Office Urges Voters: Don’t Mail It—Drop It!**

**Santa Fe County, NM** — With Election Day quickly approaching, Santa Fe County Clerk Katharine E. Clark reminds voters that absentee ballots must be received by the Clerk’s Office no later than 7 PM on Election Night, Tuesday, November 4, to be counted.

“At this stage, voters should not rely on the mail to deliver their ballots on time,” said Clerk Clark. “Instead, drop your completed absentee ballot in one of our secure drop boxes or bring it to any open polling location. Dropping it off ensures your vote arrives safely and on time.”

Mail delivery times can vary, and ballots received after the deadline cannot be counted—even if they are postmarked before Election Day. Using a secure drop box or voting site is the fastest and most reliable way to make sure your ballot is counted.

#### **Ways to Return Your Absentee Ballot**

- **Use a secure drop box:** Available 24/7 across Santa Fe County until 7PM on Election Night.
- **Bring it to any polling location:** Look for the ballot drop box inside each polling location. Ask for the Presiding Judge if you need assistance.

#### **Key Dates**

- **Expanded Early Voting:** Now through Saturday, Nov 1.
- **Election Day:** Tuesday, November 4. Polls open 7 AM – 7 PM.
- **Ballot Drop Box Deadline:** 7 PM on Election Night.

For drop box locations, polling sites, or more information, visits [SantaFe.vote](https://SantaFe.vote) or call the Clerk’s Office at (505)986-6280

Don’t wait—drop it today!

#### **Prefer to Vote in Person? Try ‘Early’ Voting**

Voters who still want to cast their ballot in person are encouraged to take advantage of early voting and the Clerk’s innovative programs now available at select polling sites. Families can participate in [KidsVote](#): Practice Makes Future Voters, a hands-on experience where children can

fill out their own practice ballots and learn about democracy while their parents vote. Voters who prefer a scheduled, no-wait experience can also make use of [Vote by Appointment](#), the first program of its kind in New Mexico, which allows voters to reserve a time to vote at four early voting locations across the county.

Learn more about both programs at **[SantaFe.vote](#)**.

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