

Campaign Signs and Flyers, Pamphlets

Campaign Signs may be placed outside the no-electioneering zone at a polling place from 5:00 pm the day immediately preceding Election Day.

Please remember it is a challenge for the local boards of elections to find accessible early voting sites and polling places. We don't want to lose early voting sites and polling places because of the damage and trash left behind. Please instruct all individuals working at the polls on a candidate's behalf to **pick up all trash and campaign signs when the polls close** and respect the polling place's property. Additionally, campaign signs must be removed from sites by 8:00 am on the day immediately following the end of the early voting period or Election Day (depending on the location of the sign).

Challengers/Watchers

If you plan to designate individuals to serve as “challengers or watchers” on election day, please review these important reminders.

- Only individuals with a signed [“challenger and watcher” certificate](#) can watch the process.
- The certificate must be signed by a candidate, political party, or ballot issue committee. The person signing for a political party or ballot issue committee must be authorized to sign a document on behalf of the entity.
- The signature **cannot** be an electronic signature, a signature typed in a cursive font, or other graphic image.
- The certificate is **only** valid for the days and locations specified on the certificate.
- The watcher must present the signed certificate on request. A copy is ok.
- A watcher with a certificate can observe pre-voting activities, enter and leave the voting location during voting hours, and observe the closing activities.
- If a watcher with a certificate wants to watch the pre-voting activities, the watcher must be at the polling place no later than 6:30 am.
- During voting hours, election judges will give the watcher with a certificate a space from which s/he can see and hear the check-in process.
- A watcher can't talk with voters in the voting location or in the “no electioneering” zone.
- If a watcher with a certificate wants to watch the closing activities, the watcher must be in the voting room before 8 pm.
- Watchers cannot use cameras or electronic devices (including phones and tablets) in the polling place.
- Watchers cannot have political materials or newspapers or wear anything with a political message.
- Provide your local election office with a list of designated watchers or copies of the signed certificates.
- Ask your watchers to make copies of their certificates and provide them to a chief judge at the polling places where they are watching.

More information about watchers is in the [Challengers, Watchers, and Election Observers Manual](#).

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