



Municipal Clerks for Mayors, Elected Officials and Staff



November 5, 2012

Re: Sandy Recovery #3
I. NEW INFORMATION ON VOTING FOR DISPLACED CITIZENS
II. CONSUMER PROTECTION INFORMATION

Dear Mayor:

I. NEW INFORMATION ON VOTING FOR DISPLACED CITIZENS

Today in Trenton, Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, through the New Jersey Department of State, issued a directive to county elections officials to permit New Jersey registered voters displaced by Hurricane Sandy to vote electronically. This directive also is intended to assist displaced first responders, whose tireless recovery efforts away from home have made voting a challenge.

REVISED GENERAL ELECTION DEADLINES

November 6, 2012 by 5 pm.

Deadline for first responders and voters displaced from their primary residence because of Hurricane Sandy to receive General Election Mail-In-Ballots by Electronic means.

November 6, 2012 by 8 pm.

Deadline for first responders and voters displaced from their primary residence because of Hurricane Sandy to transmit to the applicable county board of elections the signed waiver of secrecy along with the voted ballot by fax or email.

November 19, 2012

The deadline for first responders and voters displaced from their primary residence because of Hurricane Sandy for mail-in-ballots postmarked on or before November 5, 2012.

The Lieutenant Governor's directives can be accessed at
<http://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/election-directives.html>

Voters can download a mail-in ballot application for their county by visiting

<http://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voting-information-vote-by-mail.html>

A list of county clerk websites, phone numbers and fax numbers are available by visiting <http://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voting-information-local-officials.html>

Separate directives issued today enable displaced voters and first responders to vote by provisional ballot at a polling place in a county other than the voter's county of registration. The deadline for county clerks to receive mail-in ballots has been extended to November 19, 2012, for any ballot postmarked on or before November 5, 2012. Mail-in ballots post marked later than November 5 will not be accepted.

County elections officials have also been directed to print a sufficient number of provisional and emergency ballots to accommodate voters.

Voters are encouraged to take advantage of extended office hours at county elections offices to cast their vote early and in-person. Registered voters can obtain and cast their ballot in-person at their county elections office up until 3 pm Tuesday. County election offices are to remain open, at a minimum, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm throughout the weekend, until November 5. Voters that have a mail-in ballot and choose to deliver their ballot to the county elections office in person must present their completed ballot to their county elections office no later than the close of polls on Tuesday.

Information is also available by calling 1-877-NJVOTER.

II. CONSUMER PROTECTION INFORMATION

Also, Governor Chris Christie, Attorney General Jeffrey S. Chiesa, and the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs today reminded consumers and municipalities to be on high alert for fly-by-night, unregistered, and dishonest home improvement contractors in the wake of Hurricane Sandy.

The Division of Consumer affairs offers tips for consumers on "How to Avoid Disaster-Related Scams" in English at http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/disaster/floodtipsflyer_1.pdf and Spanish at http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/disaster/floodtipsflyerSP_1.pdf

Any consumer who suspects that a business is seeking to scam consumers in the wake of Hurricane Sandy is urged to contact the Division at 800-242-5846. The Division has issued an alert to counties and municipalities, and urged them to immediately report any concerns about post-storm scams.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.

Executive Director

*If you would like to be removed from receiving faxed advisories please contact Shirley Cade at scade@njslom.com or 609-695-3481 ext. 114 with the name of your municipality and fax number. Thank you.

Please be advised that the information you receive is not legal advice. You must consult your town attorney to make sure that any of the material you receive is in accordance with current state law and your particular facts and situation.

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