

Black Brook Prepares for Pre-Election Testing of Voting Equipment

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Polk County, Wis. – Residents in the Town of Black Brook can have a front-row seat as local election officials hold a statutorily required public meeting to conduct pre-election testing of voting equipment that will be used in the **April 1 Spring Election**.

On **March 25, 2025** election workers in the Town of Black Brook will conduct open-to-the-public pre-election testing of voting equipment. The testing will take place at the Black Brook Town Hall located at 99 75th St., Clear Lake, WI beginning at **5:30 pm**.

The testing provides an additional way to ensure that voting machines are working properly, and that the election will be conducted accurately.

By state law, a pre-election test of voting equipment occurs before every election and in every municipality across Wisconsin. In the public tests, voting machine programming is verified by feeding a set of pre-marked ballots into each machine and reviewing the results tape that is generated. An errorless count is required at the conclusion of the testing. According to Wis. Stat. 5.84(1), any anomalies identified in testing must be remedied before the equipment can be used in an election.

More information about audits generally can be found here:

<https://elections.wi.gov/elections/voting-equipment-wisconsin/voting-equipment-security>