In the excitement of buying what could be a winning Texas Lottery ticket, you might forget one all-important step—signing your ticket! Once you’ve made your purchase, you should immediately fill out the information on the back of the ticket for your protection. Here are some tips:

• Sign the back of the ticket using your legal name. Provide only one signature, name, address and phone number. This information should be up to date and match a valid ID.

• Scribbles, correction fluid and other changes on a ticket could lead to questionable ownership and a possible investigation.

• Submit a claim form with the ticket. The claim form contains valuable information for processing the claim.

There are various ways to determine if you have a winning ticket. Players can obtain printed results slips from any Texas Lottery retailer and use the information to check their own on-line tickets (for example, Lotto Texas®). Lottery terminals at Texas Lottery retailer locations produce an audible tone when tickets are scanned by retailer clerks. One of four distinct “Sounds of Winning” tones will play every time a scratch-off or on-line ticket is scanned for validation or inquiry to let players know whether their ticket is a winner. Players should ask for their “receipt” during a clerk-assisted ticket validation transaction. Lottery terminals print two receipts every time a ticket is validated on the terminal as a record of the transaction, one for the retailer’s records and one for the player.

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Paula Harper of Cedar Park was in the Dallas area to visit her father when she stopped at the Fiesta Mart #59, located at 1200 E. Parker Road in Plano. There, she randomly picked out a $2 Money Tree ticket and scratched her way to a $20,000 prize.

“I scratched it right there in the store, but it took a while to sink in. I kept looking at the ticket like, ‘Are you sure?’” said Harper. “It took most of the night for me to believe it.”

She brought her ticket and her father to the Texas Lottery claim center in Austin to collect her winnings. While there, she and her father scratched a few more tickets, for good measure.

“If you don’t try, you can’t win,” she said. “You have to play to have a chance.”

Harper says she got her winning ticket at the perfect time, and she will use the prize money to help her family.

Long-time Dallas Cowboys fan Bobby Brown of El Paso grew up in Dallas going to Cowboys games with his family, first at the Cotton Bowl and then at Texas Stadium. The prize of 2010 season tickets that he won in a Dallas Cowboys second-chance drawing is extra special to this Cowboys super fan.

“After I joined the US Army, I stayed connected to the team in any way I could,” he said. “I took my family to training camps in Austin while I was stationed at Fort Hood in Killeen, and I was even in charge of the security escort for the Cowboy cheerleaders during their visit to the troops in Bosnia in 1996.”

Brown said he and his wife started playing the Dallas Cowboys scratch-off game as a way to have fun with the team.

“We never dreamed we’d win season tickets,” he said. “My sister summed it up best by saying, ‘They could not have picked a better fan!’ We look forward to going to every game in 2010. Go Cowboys!”
Check-a-Ticket terminals, located in thousands of Texas Lottery retail locations across the state, are another handy option that allows you to easily check the winning status of both scratch-offs and on-line game tickets. Simply scan your ticket at the Check-a-Ticket terminal and receive a visual message with the prize amount or that the ticket is not a winner.

Also, some retailers have self-service terminals (SSTs) and GamePoint terminals, where you can scan your ticket and determine if it’s a winner.

In addition, the Texas Lottery has a scratch-off game and store locator feature on our Web site (www.txlottery.org). From the home page, simply click the “Scratch-off and Store Locator” link in the upper right corner to be taken to a page that will allow you to search for a Texas Lottery retailer by city or zip code, and to find locations that have a Check-a-Ticket, SST or GamePoint terminal.

And don’t forget—sign your ticket after you buy it!
Region 1

- **Larry Elliott**
  - Seymour
  - $500,000,000 Blockbuster
  - $25,000

- **James A. McClintock**
  - Amarillo
  - Jingle Jumbo Bucks
  - $2,500

- **Sara A. Garza**
  - Temple
  - $500,000,000 Blockbuster
  - $1,000

- **Alice Evans**
  - El Paso
  - Lotto Texas
  - $1,810

Region 2

- **Jerome Miller**
  - Dallas
  - $500,000,000 Blockbuster
  - $10,000

- **Rahim Noorani**
  - Bryan
  - $140 Million Extreme Payout
  - $1,000

- **David Alexander**
  - Tom Bean
  - Break The Bank
  - $1,000

- **Victor Ordóñez**
  - Stephenville
  - $3,000

Region 3

- **Ronald E. Price**
  - Newton
  - Super Wild 8’S
  - $1,000

- **Steven Farrar**
  - Aransas Pass
  - Cadillac® Escalade™ Cash
  - $5,000

- **Gloria Mitchell**
  - LaPorte
  - $500,000,000 Blockbuster
  - $1,000

- **Kim M. Ina**
  - Houston
  - Happy Holidays
  - $1,000