

Elections in Boulder County

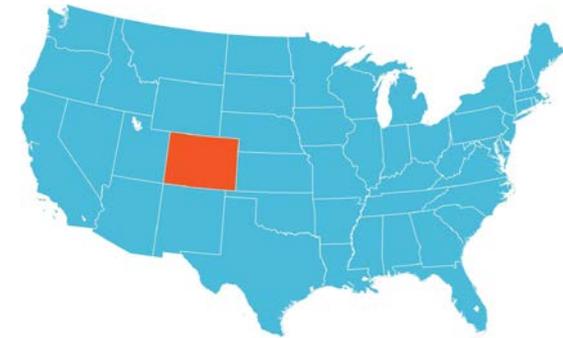
Everything you wanted to know!

Elections in Colorado



What makes Colorado Elections unique?

- Voters get a ballot in the mail.
- Voters can also choose to go vote in person
- Voters can go to ANY Voter Service and Polling Center in their county
- Voters can register and vote on the same-day up through Election Day (ID Required)



Tip: Remind your friends and family and share these voting facts when you meet people new to Colorado. They may not know!

Voter Registration



- There is no registration deadline.
- Residents can register to vote up to and including Election Day (ID required)
- One must be a resident of Colorado for at least 22 days prior to Election Day to vote.
- Voters who register online less than 8 days prior to an election will not be sent a ballot by mail. They must go to a Voter Service Center to vote in person. (ID required)



2016 General Election Key Dates



Today – Sign-up for Ballot Track at www.BoulderCountyVotes.org

October 17 – Ballots mailed to voters; 24-hour ballot drop-off locations open; mail ballots and machine voting available at Boulder office

October 24 – Voter Service Centers open

October 31 – Last day to register and still receive a ballot in the mail

November 4 – **Return your ballot!** Drive-by Ballot Drop-off locations open (closed Sunday)

November 7 – Additional NINE Voter Service Centers open

November 8 – Last Day to Vote – Election Day

Ballot Return Options:



Return your Mail Ballot to a:

- ✓ 24-Hour Box



- ✓ Voter Service & Polling Center



- ✓ Drive-by Drop-off location



- ✓ Or by mail (allow sufficient time)



- ✓ Or go vote in person!



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Mail Ballot Processing Basics



Step 1 – Ballots envelopes received and prepared for envelope sorting and signature capture machine.

Step 2 – Run ballot envelopes through envelope sorting and signature capture machine.



Step 3 – Verify that the signature on the ballot envelope matches the signature we have from the voter's registration – either through our Automatic Signature Verification technology or by election judges.

Step 4 – Once signature verified, voters are assigned vote credit in the Secretary of State database and the ballot envelope is securely transported to 2nd Floor for opening and separating.



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Step 5 – Ballot envelopes are run through a specialized machine that allows for easy extraction of your secrecy sleeve and ensures voter anonymity and that no ballots are missed in the process.



Step 6 – Bi-partisan election judges then remove your ballot from your secrecy sleeve and flatten the ballot in preparation for scanning.

Step 7 – Ballots are scanned in batches and votes are captured.



Step 8 – Recorded votes are stored to secured Mobile Ballot Boxes in preparation for tallying votes on election night.



Ballot Processing Facilities Tour



Save the Date!

General Election: Ballot Processing Facilities Tour
1750 33rd Street in Boulder

Thursday, November 3 – 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

or

Monday, November 7 – 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Preparing for 2016

- Plan for nearly 100% turnout & up to 202,000 voters casting a ballot by Election Day
 - Includes 68,000 on Election Day
 - But...
 - It is an extremely long ballot
 - Of ballots returned on Election Day, **almost 60%** of those or approx. come in **AFTER 5 p.m.**
 - Then, we need to transport them back to the Ballot Processing Center
- Plan:** Process ballots until 2 a.m. and begin again at 7:30 a.m. Last results posting around 3 a.m. then next one around 11:30 a.m.



Why Vote Early

Once you decide how to vote, please return your mail ballot or go vote.

Voting early:

- ✓ Helps reduce campaign phone calls for you
- ✓ Avoids last minute in-person or ballot drive-by drop-off lines
- ✓ Helps county by being able to process ballots throughout the election period, not just on election night (no votes are tabulated before election night though!).



Thank you & What you can do to help:



- ✓ Check your registration.
- ✓ Talk to your friends and neighbors:
 - Make sure they are registered (if they are voting)
 - Make sure they know they are getting a ballot in the mail
 - Encourage them to return their ballot as soon as possible! And definitely by **Friday, November 4** if they are ready to vote
- ✓ Return your ballot early!
- ✓ We need Election workers – over 450 workers; Especially Republican workers – if you are interested contact the Boulder County Republicans:
www.BoCoGOP.org

Action Steps:

- 1) Check your voter registration at www.BoulderCountyVotes.org
- 2) Track your mail ballot by signing up for **Ballot Track** (sign up at same website)
- 3) Follow us on Twitter: @BoCoClerk
- 4) Contact us with questions: Vote@BoulderCountyVotes.org or 303.413.7740