
2015 Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Coordinated Election?

To be a coordinated, the election must:

- Have more than one political subdivision (state, county, municipality, school district, or special district) holding an election,
- Be on the same day in November, and
- The eligible electors either are the same for each election or live in overlapping subdivision boundaries.

When these requirements are satisfied, the County Clerk and Recorder will coordinate and conduct the elections on behalf of all political subdivisions. The November odd-year election is generally referred to as the coordinated election.

Why am I getting a ballot in the mail?

In Colorado, all active registered voters automatically receive a ballot in the mail. If you prefer to vote in person, you can do so at any Voter Service and Polling Center.

What do I do if I make a mistake, damage or lose my ballot?

Email Vote@BoulderCountyVotes.org or call 303-413-7740 to request a replacement ballot. You may also go to any Voter Service and Polling Center to pick up a replacement in person.

How do I know you received my ballot?

Check your voter information using our Voter Look-up tool or call 303-413-7740 to verify your ballot was received.

Can I leave some races blank?

Yes. You do not have to vote on every race unless you choose to do so. Some electors only cast a vote for one race, while others may vote for every race. Whatever races you do choose to vote on will be counted.

Can I vote for more than one option on my ballot?

You should only vote for one option in all issues or races, unless the ballot states "Vote for Two" (or more). We will not count your vote on one-vote races or issues where you have selected more than one option. The remainder of your ballot will be counted, except for the races with multiple votes.

I've heard that mail ballots are only counted if there are close races. Is that true?

No. All ballots are counted in the same manner. All valid ballots cast by mail are counted in every election in Colorado, regardless of the outcome or closeness of any race.

Are ADA accessible voting machines available?

Yes. ADA accessible voting machines are available for use at any Voter Service and Polling Center.

I just found out there is an election and I would like to vote. How do I do so?

- Assuming you meet eligibility and residency requirements, you may register to vote up to and including Election Day.
- To register to vote, go to GoVoteColorado.com or see our registration page for more details. You can also register to vote at any Voter Service and Polling Center.

- Register to vote online on or before Monday, October 26, 2015 in order to receive a mail ballot.
- After October 26, a person can still register online, but will need to visit a Voter Service and Polling Center in order to request a ballot.

How do I find out what district I am in or who represents me in Congress or other local offices?

To find out this information, visit GoVoteColorado.com and look up your voter registration. Your district information is listed at the bottom of the search.

Do I need to provide identification to vote and what are the acceptable forms of IDs?

Not all voters will need to provide an ID in order to vote. In Colorado, a voter must present identification if they are:

- Voting by mail for the first time if they did not provide an acceptable form of ID or Colorado driver's license number when they registered. These voters will receive specific instructions with their mail ballot telling them to include a photocopy of their ID when they return their ballot.
- Voting in person at a Voter Service and Polling Center.

For a list of acceptable forms of identification, please visit the Secretary of State's [voter identification page](#).

How do I return my mail ballot – what are my options and how much does it cost?

All active registered voters in Colorado automatically receive a ballot in the mail. Voters can return their ballot by mail or by dropping it off at any designated ballot drop-off site throughout Boulder County including any of our six 24-hour ballot drop boxes. If returning the ballot by mail, follow the voter instructions and insert only the required documents. The costs are as follows:

- Single Sheet Ballot + Secrecy Sleeve = \$0.49 (or one forever stamp)
- Single Sheet Ballot + Secrecy Sleeve + Copy of ID (if required)* = \$0.49 (or one forever stamp)
- Two Sheet Ballot + Secrecy Sleeve = \$0.71
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** Most voters are not required to include a copy of their ID. If a voter is required to do so, their ballot packet will include a special insert notifying them of this requirement.*