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Did you know?

- Every step of the elections process in Colorado is managed by bipartisan teams of elections professionals.
- All Chaffee County elections staff have been background checked, and swear an oath to serve voters faithfully. Five are Certified Colorado Election Officials.
- You can sign up to receive text, email, or phone messages when your ballot has been mailed to you and when it's been received by Chaffee County at:
www.ChaffeeVotes.Ballottrax.net
- Voting by mail began statewide in Colorado in 2013.



Learn more about elections

Resources and information on voter registration, election results, casting a ballot, and transparency:

ChaffeeClerk.Colorado.gov.



Trusted information

The problem: Bad actors use the internet and social media to spread misinformation, rumors, and falsehoods to undermine faith in our elections processes.

What you can do:

Use trusted information sources. Websites with dot gov domain are verified as official national, state, and local channels, such as ChaffeeClerk.Colorado.gov, CISA.gov, and GoVoteColorado.gov.

Check facts. When you read something online, ask yourself, “Does this seem too sensational to be true?” Verify what you’ve read with trusted sources of information.

Think before you link. Before liking or sharing something, confirm its accuracy with a trusted source.

Learn to spot it—then call it out. When you see unsourced, unverified or misleading information online, do a quick fact check and call it out!

Spread the word! Learn how elections work by visiting ChaffeeClerk.Colorado.gov, taking a tour, or watching our videos. Share what you learn with family and friends.

Secure Ballot Processing



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Chaffee County Secure Ballot Processing

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Receive Ballot

All active eligible Colorado voters receive a mail ballot, about 20 days before every election.

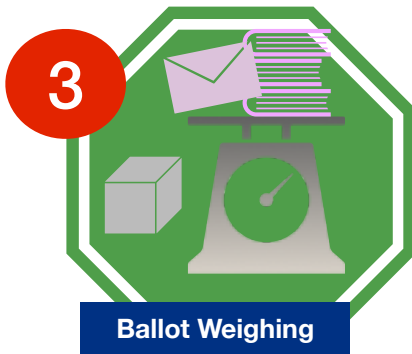
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Ballot Collection

Bipartisan Ballot Security Teams collect ballots from the Postal Service, ballot boxes and voting locations around the county for delivery to the Elections Facility.

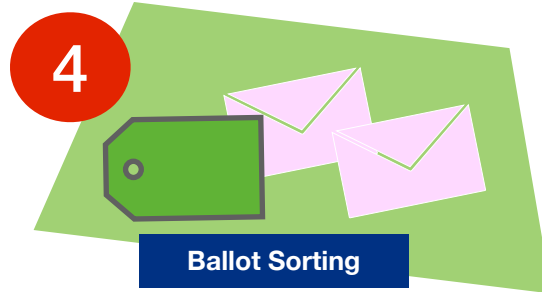
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Ballot Weighing

Ballot envelopes are removed from sealed ballot boxes and weighed for an approximate piece count per location.

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Ballot Sorting

Ballot envelopes are sorted by machine. Sorting equipment scans each envelope's unique bar code into a statewide database to confirm receipt and verify signatures.

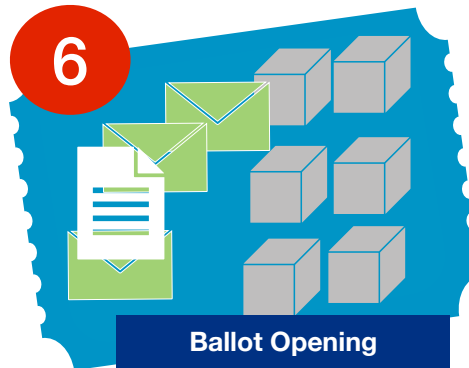
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Signature Verification

Bipartisan election judges review signatures on envelopes comparing them to signatures in the voter registration database.

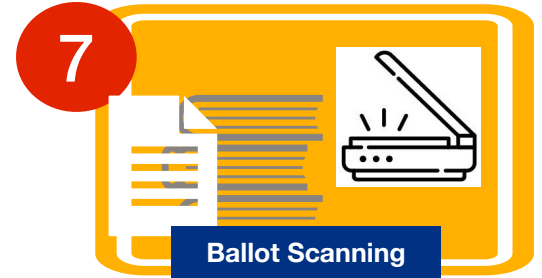
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Ballot Opening

Bipartisan teams remove ballots from envelopes, protecting voter anonymity.

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Ballot Scanning

Opened ballots are scanned by batches into the voting system and voter's selections are recorded.

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Ballot Adjudication

Bipartisan teams review images of ballots with unclear marks to determine voter intent.

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Tabulation

Starting at 7 p.m. on Election Day, election staff uses software on a secure, non-networked computer to tabulate voter's selections and report totals.