La Plata County Colorado

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November 3, 2026 General Election
Frequently Asked Questions

As a registered voter, what do I have to do?
Your registration must be correct in order for you to receive a mail ballot. You may verify or update your registration the following ways:

- Online at www.govotecolorado.gov
- Download an application at www.laplatacountyclerk.org & mail to 679 Turner Dr., Ste C, Durango, CO 81303 or email the completed form to elections@lpcgov.org
- Visit the La Plata County Clerk & Recorder's office at 679 Turner Dr., Ste C, Durango, CO 81303 to complete an application.

If your registration is current and active, your ballot packet will automatically be mailed to you.

Where can I drop off my ballot or vote in person?

Voter Service and Polling Centers / Mail Ballot Drop Off Locations			
La Plata County Clerk & Recorder 679 Turner Dr, Ste C, Durango	Monday - Friday Monday - Friday Saturday Monday Election Day	Oct 19 – Oct 23 Oct 26 – Oct 30 Oct 31 Nov 2 Nov 3	8am - 5pm 8am - 5pm 8am - 5pm 8am - 5pm 7am - 7pm
Pine River Library 395 Bayfield Center Dr, Bayfield	Friday Saturday Monday Election Day	Oct 30 Oct 31 Nov 2 Nov 3	8am - 5pm 8am - 5pm 8am - 5pm 7am - 7pm
Fort Lewis College Community Concert Hall 1000 Rim Dr, Durango	Monday Election Day	Nov 2 Nov 3	8am - 5pm 7am - 7pm
Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum 503 Ouray Dr, Ignacio	Friday Saturday Monday Election Day	Oct 30 Oct 31 Nov 2 Nov 3	8am - 5pm 8am - 5pm 8am - 5pm 7am - 7pm

24 Hour Mail Ballot Drop Off Locations October 2 – November 3	
Durango	La Plata County Clerk & Recorder, 679 Turner Dr., Ste C – drive by La Plata County Administration Building, 1101 E 2nd Ave. La Plata County Fairgrounds, 2500 Main Ave. – drive by Fort Lewis Community Concert Hall, 1000 Rim Dr.
Bayfield	Bayfield Town Hall, 1199 Bayfield Parkway
Ignacio	Farmers Fresh Market, 535 Goddard Ave.

When are the ballots mailed to the voters?
Ballots will be mailed October 2.

What if I do not receive my ballot?
If you have not received your ballot within a week after they are mailed, call the County Clerk's office at 970-382-6296. They will check that your voter registration is current. If it is, they will mail you a replacement ballot through October 26. After October 26, please visit the Clerk's office or a Voter Service and Polling Center.

What if I have moved and have not updated my registration?
You may submit a paper voter registration to the County Clerk's office or update your registration online at www.govotecolorado.gov until October 26 to receive a ballot by mail or go to a Voter Service and Polling Center to update your registration and obtain a ballot through Election Day.

I will be out of town when the ballots are mailed. How do I get a ballot?
Ballots are available on September 21 in the County Clerk's office or you may complete a Voter Registration Application to have the ballot mailed to you at the out of area location. Please call or email if you are traveling out of the country as you may qualify for an electronic ballot delivery option.

What if I do not vote on all the candidates or measures?
If you do not vote on all the candidates or measures your ballot will still be counted for all voted races.

What if I make a mistake, damage or lose my ballot?
You may call the County Clerk's office and request a replacement ballot. One will be mailed to you provided the request is received no later than October 26. Otherwise, you may request a replacement ballot in person at a Voter Service and Polling Center location until 7:00pm on Election Day, November 3.

Your ballot has been cast as soon as you deposit it in the mailbox or at a drop site. After that, you cannot receive a replacement ballot.

Do I have to return my ballot by mail?
No, you have the choice of mailing your ballot or returning it to any designated ballot drop site or voter service and polling center location. Ballots should not be mailed after October 26.

How much postage is required to mail my ballot back?
Your voted ballot can be returned with a standard first-class stamp. If you return the ballot to any designated ballot drop site or voter service and polling center location, no postage is necessary.

Can I mail multiple ballots in one return envelope?
No, only one ballot may be returned per signature envelope.

When must the voted ballot be returned?
The voted ballot must be *received* in any La Plata County designated drop site location by 7:00 p.m. on election night. ***POSTMARKS DO NOT COUNT.***

How do I know you received my ballot?
To verify that your ballot was received by the County Clerk's Office, please call 970-382-6296 or visit www.GoVoteColorado.gov.

What if I did not sign my return envelope?
The County Clerk's office will contact you in writing and you will have until November 12 to respond in order for your vote to be counted.

Can I sign someone else's ballot?
No one can sign the return envelope on behalf of another voter, even if there is a power of attorney in place.

What if my signature has changed?
Complete a new voter registration form and submit it to the County Clerk's Office.

Are ADA accessible voting machines available?
Yes, ADA accessible voting machines are available for use at all Voter Service and Polling Centers.

Can the public watch the election process?
Yes, all steps of the process are open to observation by the public.

Can anyone find out how I've voted once I mail my ballot?
No, all ballots are separated from the return envelope before the ballots are inspected. This process ensures confidentiality.

When will election results be known?
No results can be announced until after 7:00 p.m. on election night.

Where may I obtain election results?
Election results are available online at www.laplatacountyclerk.org or in the County Clerk's office at 679 Turner Dr, Ste C.

What if I have more questions?
Call the La Plata County Clerk's office at 970-382-6296.

You may sign up to track your ballot at www.LaPlataVotes.com

Acceptable Forms of Identification

All voters who vote at the polls must provide identification. If you are voting by mail for the first time, you may also need to provide a photocopy of your identification when you return your mail ballot.

The following documents are acceptable forms of identification:

- A valid Colorado driver's license or valid identification card issued by the Colorado Department of Revenue. (Note: documents issued to not lawfully present and temporarily lawfully present individuals under Part 5 of Article 2 of Title 42, C.R.S. are not acceptable forms of identification.)
- A valid U.S. passport or passport card.
- A valid employee identification card with a photograph of the eligible elector issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the U.S. government or of Colorado, or by any county, municipality, board, authority, or other political subdivision of Colorado.
- A valid pilot's license issued by the federal aviation administration or other authorized agency of the U.S.
- A valid U.S. military identification card with a photograph of the eligible elector.
- A copy of a current (within the last 60 days) utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the elector.
- A Certificate of Degree of Indian or Alaskan Native Blood.
- A valid Medicare or Medicaid card issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- A certified copy of a U.S. birth certificate for the elector.
- Certified documentation of naturalization.
- A valid student identification card with a photograph of the eligible elector issued by an institute of higher education in Colorado, as defined in section 23-3.1-102(5), C.R.S..
- A valid veteran identification card issued by the U.S. department of veterans affairs veterans health administration with a photograph of the eligible elector.
- A valid identification card issued by a federally recognized tribal government certifying tribal membership.
- A division of youth services identification card issued by the Colorado Department of Human Services.

The above list of identifications may be presented in digital format.

Any form of identification listed above that shows your address must show a Colorado address to qualify as an acceptable form of identification.

The following documents are also considered acceptable forms of identification for voting:

- Verification that a voter is a resident of a group residential facility, as defined in section 1-1-104(18.5), C.R.S.
- Verification that a voter is a person committed to the department of human services and confined and eligible to register and vote shall be considered sufficient identification of such person for the purposes of section 1-2-210.5, C.R.S.
- Written correspondence from the county sheriff or his or her designee to the county clerk indicating that a voter is confined in a county jail or detention facility.

The following are NOT acceptable forms of identification:

- A driver's license or identification card issued to not lawfully present and temporarily lawfully present individuals under Part 5 of Article 2 of Title 42, C.R.S.
- Any document produced by Colorado's statewide voter registration system.

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