

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF BOULDER COUNTY

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VOTING QUALIFICATIONS

Any citizen of the United States may vote if he or she is:

- at least eighteen years old at the time of the election,
- a resident of the state and of his/her precinct for 30 days prior to the date of the election, and
- registered to vote.

(Note: Voting qualifications for special district elections may include property ownership or ad valorem taxes paid during a certain period.)

REGISTERING TO VOTE

To register, you complete a Colorado voter registration form and submit it to the office of the Boulder County Clerk and Recorder, Elections Division, 1750 33rd St., Suite 200, Boulder 80301.

If you are a web-user (evidently you are), you can download a form from the county clerk's site, and many other places. Click on "*Voter Registration by Mail.*" The one-page form plus a page of instructions are in PDF format for you to print.

You may mail your registration to the Elections Division. You can deliver it in person to the Boulder office, to the Louisville office at 722 Main St., or to the Longmont office at 529 Coffman St.

And you may register in person.

There are many other ways to register. Here are a few:

- Colorado is a "motor voter" state; you may register to vote at any office of the Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles. When you apply for a driver's license, you are asked whether you would like to register to vote.
- Offices of city clerks and town clerks offer voter registration.
- The telephone directory for Boulder, Louisville, Lafayette, etc. includes a registration form and instructions (pp. 81 and 82 in 2004 directory). It is a little smaller than life, but it is official and perfectly usable.
- Registration forms are available at public libraries throughout the county, and at the CU library.

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Complete information is at the website for the Boulder County Clerk's Elections Division.

Voting is done in precincts or wards. Shortly before an election, you will be notified by mail where your polling place will be. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on election day. Any registered voter who cannot, or does not wish to, go to the polls on election day, may vote early at a special site, or request an absentee ballot.

• Early Voting begins 10 days prior to primaries and 15 days before general elections. Check the Boulder County Clerk's Elections Division website for locations and times.

- To download an application for an Absentee Ballot, click on “Absentee Voter Request Form” on the County Clerk’s Web page for absentee voting. You may request an absentee ballot at any time after January 1 of the election year, and it is good for all elections. Requests must be made no later than the Friday prior to an election. Any family member may make this request for a voter. The absentee voter's ballot must be in the County Clerk's offices by 7:00 p.m. the day of the election.
- Emergency Ballots: If a voter is confined to a hospital on election day or absent due to a condition arising after the application deadline, the voter may request an emergency absentee ballot. This request must be made before 5:00 p.m. on election day.
- An eligible voter of Colorado who is out of the country may register by federal postcard as provided by United States law.