

Everything you didn't know about the Clerk and Recorder's Office

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Don't wait until November 8th! Vote your ballot today!

Did you know that you can still vote in person? You may come to the Kit Carson County Courthouse Election Office on the second floor. The Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC) has two touchscreens, two voting booths, and one seated voting areas, so you can mark your ballot on paper or by machine, plus there are ballot drop off locations, listed below, for the mail ballot if you have already voted and signed your ballot envelope.

The VSPC is manned by bipartisan election judges that help citizens register to vote, update their address, and replace their mail ballot. One thing that needs mentioned is that the ballots issued in the VSPC are exactly the same as the ballots that are received in the mail. If you vote on the ICX (voting machines), the ballot that is printed out is different but nothing is retained on the machine once it is printed.

Please note the size of the VSPC will not be as large as when it was held at the Burlington Activities Building years ago. The Kit Carson County Courthouse will be the only Voter Service and Polling Center in the county, and has been since the change to all mail ballot in 2013. We are encouraging voting early to avoid long lines and waiting on Tuesday, November 8th.

In Colorado, ballots will be processed after Election Day. There are several post-Election Day processes to complete including final correspondence to voters, processing and counting of post-Election Day ballots (military & overseas ballots and signature discrepancy cures), plus preparation of elections records for post-election audit and Canvass Board certification. If a large number of ballots are received late on Election Day, there may be ballot processing into the next day. We will update important information as the completion of the election continues. This information may be subject to change and any changes will be updated on the Kit Carson County website <https://kitcarsoncounty.colorado.gov/clerk-recorder/elections>.

Estimated Number of Ballots to be Processed

4500

Unofficial Results

Election Day:

Once polls close at 7:00 p.m., the first unofficial results will be posted at approximately 7:05 p.m. Unofficial results will be updated at least every ninety (90) minutes through the evening. We will assess the number of ballots to be processed at midnight and make a determination if processing will continue the next day. The last unofficial posting of the night will be at 1:00 a.m. We will announce the final posting of the night through the Kit Carson County website <https://kitcarsoncounty.colorado.gov/clerk-recorder/elections>.

Post-Election Day Ballot Counting:

If Election Day ballots remain, processing will continue at 9:00 a.m. the next morning. An update of unofficial results will be posted when finished. (Note: this may not be an update that is necessary if all Election Day ballots were processed on Election Day.)

The estimated number of outstanding ballots to be processed will be posted and announced.

We highly recommend that you:

- Drop your ballot off at the Kit Carson County Clerk & Recorder's Office at 1650 Donelan Avenue, Burlington, CO 80807, located on the second floor in Suite 201– Election Office of the Kit Carson County Courthouse, or,
- Drop your ballot in the 24/7 drop box located by the Courthouse south entrance (no postage necessary).
- We do not recommend mailing your ballot after the 8th day before the election (November 1st) to insure that it is in the Kit Carson County Clerk and Records Office by 7:00 p.m. on Election night, Tuesday, November 8th.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION:

- **October 31, 2022, Monday:** Last day to submit an application to register to vote through the mail, a voter registration agency, a local driver's license examination facility, or online to receive a ballot in the mail for the General Election. (through the 8th day prior to the election)
- **October 24, 2022 – November 7, 2022, Monday-Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM:** Voters can register to vote, vote in person, obtain a replacement ballot or drop off their mail in ballots in person at the Voter Service and Polling Center located in the Kit Carson County Clerk & Recorder's Election Office, 1650 Donelan Avenue, Suite 201, Burlington, CO 80807.
- **Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 8 AM to 12 PM: Kit Carson County Clerk & Recorder's Office Election Department (VSPC)** will be open on for ballot drop off, replacement ballots, and vote in person.
- **November 8, 2022: ELECTION DAY**
Voter Service and Polling Center is open 7 AM to 7 PM located in the Kit Carson County Clerk & Recorder's Election Office, 1650 Donelan Avenue, Suite 201, Burlington, CO 80807

ADDITIONAL BALLOT DROP OFF LOCATIONS AVAILABLE ELECTION DAY ONLY

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Flagler Senior Center, 306 Main Avenue, Flagler, CO

Stratton Activity Center, 918 Colorado Avenue, Stratton, CO

The following departments of the Kit Carson County Clerk and Recorder's Office can also be reached by calling (719) 346-8638 and dialing the extension number:

Ext. 242 – Election Department for voter and election questions.

Ext. 236 – Recording Department for information concerning recording legal instruments.

Ext. 301 – Drivers' License & Motor Vehicle Department for license plates/renewals or titling a vehicle.

You can also reach the clerk's office by email at clerkandrecorder@kitcarsoncounty.org.