

# Arapahoe County Secure Ballot Processing



All active eligible Colorado voters receive a mail ballot, about 22 days before every election.



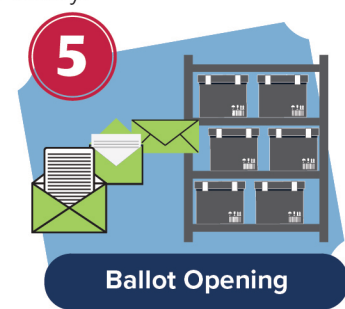
Bipartisan Ballot Security Teams collect ballots from the Postal Service, ballot boxes and voting locations around the county for delivery to the Elections Facility.



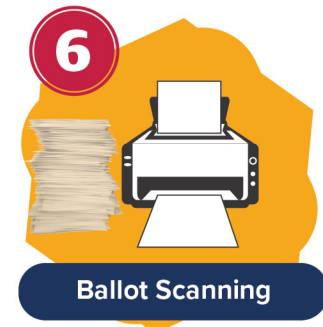
Ballot envelopes are sorted by machine. Sorting equipment scans each envelope's unique bar code into a statewide database to confirm receipt and verify signatures.



Bipartisan election judges review signatures not automatically accepted by the sorting machine, and compare them to the voter registration database.



Bipartisan teams remove ballots from envelopes, protecting voter anonymity.



Opened ballots are scanned by bipartisan teams of election judges and voters' selections are recorded.



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



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



As ballots are processed, results are posted to our website and social media accounts. Results are not official until ballots are audited and results are certified by bipartisan representatives.