

2026 General Election Facts In Benton County



Safe. Secure. Vote by Mail.

- Oregon has had secure and accurate voting by mail, approved by Oregon voters, for two decades.
- **Claims about wide-spread voter fraud have been debunked time and time again.** In Oregon, a study determined there were *38 cases* of improper voting *over two decades* and more than 60 million ballots cast. We secure elections with:
 - Ballot-tracking barcodes
 - Signature verification for all returned ballots
 - Paper ballots that can't be hacked
 - Offline vote-tallying machines, which are not connected to any network or internet, and are tested before and after every election



Preparing to Vote

1. **Make a plan to vote!** Review your Voters' Pamphlet *before* you get your ballot.
2. **Check & update your voter registration** at OregonVotes.gov no later than October 13.
3. Be ready to vote and **return your ballot as soon as possible.**
4. **Decide how you want to return your ballot.** Benton County has more than a dozen Official Ballot Drop Sites, including all Benton County libraries outside of Corvallis.
5. If you wish to mail your ballot, local USPS guidance is to **drop it in the mail no later than October 24**, 10 days before Election Day.



Voter Dates & Deadlines

- **Oct. 5:** Voters' Pamphlets mailed out
- **Oct. 13:** Last day to register to vote
- **Oct. 24:** Benton County's recommended date to return your ballot by mail
- **Oct. 27:** Secretary of State's vote-by-mail recommended mailing date

November 3: Election Day

Be sure to drop your ballot in an official ballot drop box.

Ballot Dates & Deadlines

- **Sept. 19:** Deadline to mail military & overseas ballots
- **Oct. 5:** First mailing of out-of-state absentee ballots
- **Oct. 14:** First mailing of in-state ballots
- **Oct. 20:** Last day to mail ballots
- **Oct. 29:** Last day to mail absentee, replacement or reissued ballots