

Oregon County Research Regarding Ballot Drop Boxes and Locations

Oregon County	Do you have permanent, outdoor, unstaffed Ballot drop boxes?	What are these boxes constructed of? What sort of security do you have in place?	When are they open?	Which have proven to be more popular with voters, outdoor, unstaffed boxes or indoor boxes?	Have any incidents occurred that have compromised the security of the ballot drop boxes in your jurisdiction?
Baker	yes; a drive thru drop box at courthouse	recycled USPS boxes; recycled, security cameras at drop locations	Opened when ballots go out	outdoor, receive nearly the same amount of ballots through outdoor ballot drop box as through mail	Not one negative incident; first outdoor, unstaffed box established in 1999
Benton	yes; 2 such locations	drop box locations have cameras; located at sherrif's office and at local bank; small opening that only ballots can fit through	24/7; 18 days before election	outdoor locations more popular; drive thru especially popular	No negative incidents; first unstaffed outdoor drop box established in 1987; even boxes in very remote locations have gone unharmed; chose to put drop box at Sherrif's office not only for security, but hours were better as well;
Clackamas	Yes; 6 outdoor	box constructed to USPS specifications; bolted into cement; padlocked; depository opening is locked when not in use	Opened when ballots are mailed-- on 27th of last month for May 15 election	all drop boxes equally used; depends more on location of box; having trouble with indoor locations staying open during needed hours	No; just implemented first such location last May
Washington	yes; 9 outside; 7 inside	USPS boxes; key lock; snorkel cover	open when mail ballots are sent out; approximately 18 days before election day	Location has large part in use; well-trafficed areas are preferred	Have been only one incident in which box has been too full--problem was remedied by immediate ballot pick-up by Elections Staff; have been in place since 2004-05; used HAVA funds to purchase boxes because they were more accessible for disabled voters
Lane	yes; 18	bolted into cement; surveillance equipment; signage--warnings of federal prosecution	18 days before election; open 24/7 during this period	"absolutely outdoor" boxes are preferred more	Vehicle accidentally ran into box; at box located near local college, signs are often stolen; first outdoor, unstaffed drop box established in 1999; continuing to put out more outdoor boxes;

Marion	No, do not have outdoor, unstaffed boxes; worried about worst-case scenario; worried about certifying elections				One drive-thru site that needs to be closed down; very heavy traffic; flow is bad; encourages voters to drop off ballot on election day which can create huge surge in number of ballots deposited then create problems for ballot processing
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