

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Eagle County

Colorado · Eagle · FIPS 08037 · Population 55,650 · Crosodo Index #1191*

STATE BASELINE

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Cottage Foods Act, amended 2022)

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

Tiered (see notes)

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-05

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision. Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

How to start — 60-second path

Eagle County, Colorado — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

Tiered (see notes)

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

No specific CO state or Eagle County rule.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Colorado cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ Colorado home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Colorado label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous, non-refrigerated foods only. \$10,000 annual cap per product. Direct sales only; no retail stores. CDPHE free registration required. Food handler certification course required. Eagle County includes Vail and other resort communities.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific CO state or Eagle County rule.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Eagle County (unincorporated) does not have a general county business license requirement. Operations within Town of Eagle, Vail, Avon, Gypsum, Minturn, Eagle-Vail, or other municipalities may require local business licenses. Vail in particular may have strict home occupation requirements due to residential character concerns. Contact Eagle County Community Development and relevant municipality for home occupation permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (CDPHE may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No specific CO state or Eagle County rule.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.

HANDWASHING

Covered under required food safety course.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-refrigerated shelf-stable products only. Allowed: baked goods, pickled fruits/vegetables (pH 4.6 or below), jams/jellies/preserves, spices, teas, dehydrated produce, nuts, seeds, honey, flour, fermented foods.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

Upon-complaint — CDPHE may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Conditional

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer only. Person-to-person, farmers markets, events. No retail stores.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified; personal operation.

Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614; Eagle County Land Use Regulations; individual municipality requirements

RESEARCH NOTES

Eagle County is an affluent resort county (Vail ski area). No county-specific cottage food rules found beyond state baseline. The high resort-community character may mean stricter local home occupation rules in some municipalities. CDPHE free registration required at state level. Food handler certification course (CSU Extension or online) required.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.eaglecounty.gov>

<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods>

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/colorado/eagle-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Eagle County	Garfield County	Grand County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	False
PETS ALLOWED	No specific CO state or Eagle County rule.	Pets should be excluded from kitchen during production per good manufacturing practices; not explicitly codified in state statute but recom...	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	False
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct to consumer only. Person-to-person, farmers markets, events. No retail stores.	Direct sales only under state law. Pickup at home and delivery to consumer are permitted. No internet sales to out-of-state customers.	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Possibly
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Conditional	Varies	Possibly; Town of Winter Park, Town of Granby may require town business licenses for operations within town limits; confirm with respective...
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous, non-refrigerated foods only. \$10,000 annual cap per product. Direct sales only; no retail stores. CDPHE free reg...	Colorado state law allows home kitchen cottage food operations. Producer must register with CDPHE (free). Only non-potentially hazardous fo...	—
FOOD STORAGE	Non-refrigerated shelf-stable products only. Allowed: baked goods, pickled fruits/vegetables (pH 4.6 or below), jams/jellies/preserves, spi...	Products must be stored in a manner that prevents contamination; no separate dedicated storage requirement at state level.	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)
POPULATION	55,650	61,683	15,724

State context — Colorado cottage food law

Eagle County's rules sit on top of Colorado's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE

C.R.S. §25-4-1614

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

KITCHEN INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

INDIRECT SALES

No — Products cannot be resold; producers must sell directly to consumers but may designate a representative to sell on their behalf. Sales through restaurants or retail stores are not permitted, though the health department may allow direct sales at those locations on a case-by-case basis.

ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered (see notes)

FOOD HANDLER CERT

Yes (specific course)

DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **Colorado cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/colorado.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2022a_158_signed.pdf

State dept cottage food page: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/colorado/>

Questions about Eagle County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

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Classifieds

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