

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Adams County, Colorado?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-05.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

No

SALES CAP

Tiered

COLORADO RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Colorado permits PDF](#)

[Colorado cottage food law page](#)

[Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment cottage food program](#)

[Statute: C.R.S. §25-4-1614](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Adams County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Adams County, Colorado. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Conditional

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint

BUSINESS LICENSE

No

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Yes

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

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Colorado permits PDF →

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Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

Colorado registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. 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.

Colorado permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/colorado.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/colorado

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods>

Statute: [C.R.S. §25-4-1614](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Adams County Business Guidebook (2025, official adamscountycogov.com) states: 'We do not have a license or permit specific to home occupations; however, you must abide by our Development Standards and Regulations.' Home occupation standards are in Adams County Development Standards Section 4-03-03-02-07. Jurisdiction is unincorporated Adams County only. For properties within cities (Brighton, Thornton, Aurora, Commerce City, Westminster), contact the respective city's Planning Department. A Retail Food License is NOT required if operating under the Colorado Cottage Food Act. Contact Planner of the Day at 720-523-6800 or cedd-plan@adamscountycogov.com.

Health

Upon-complaint. State: complaint-based. County: pre-permit site inspection possible.

Business license

No

Pickup / delivery

Incidental pickup at home permitted. Farmers markets, roadside stands, festivals, online/mail/home delivery within Colorado. \$10,000 per-product annual cap. No retail/restaurant sales.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Retail food licenses are local. Colorado cottage foods cannot be sold in a retail food establishment as an approved source. A commissary is a retail food establishment licensed by the local public health agency.

Official source: [CDPHE retail food](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.adcogov.org>

This file is the home-kitchen path. A rented kitchen uses a different permit. Ask the kitchen manager which license they expect, then call the local health office.

SOURCES

<https://www.adcogov.org>

<https://adamscountyco.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/CED-2025-08-Business-Guidebook-English.pdf>

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

Adams County and nearby places

Regulation	Adams County	Jefferson County	Arapahoe County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Incidental pickup at home permitted. Farmers markets, roadside stands, festivals, online/mail/home delivery within Colorado. \$10,000 per-pr...	Incidental pickup of goods permitted. Online and mail-order sales allowed. \$10,000 per-product annual cap within Colorado. No retail/restau...	Incidental pickup at home is permitted. Sales may occur at farmers markets, roadside stands, festivals, online with mail/home delivery with...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods that do not require refrigeration only. \$10,000 per-product annual cap. Food safety training required. Dire...	Non-potentially hazardous foods that do not require refrigeration only. \$10,000 per-product annual cap. Food safety training required. Dire...	Non-potentially hazardous foods that do not require refrigeration only. Products must be sold directly to informed end consumers in Colorad...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage; no outdoor storage per home occupation rules	No outdoor storage per Jefferson County home occupation rules; storage within home/garage (up to 25% of garage)	Products stored in home kitchen; no outdoor storage per Arapahoe County home occupation rules
POPULATION	520,149	580,519	654,453

More pages for this place

These Crosodo pages cover the same home cottage-food path:

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