

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Arapahoe 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

Varies

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 Arapahoe County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Arapahoe 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

Varies

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Conditional

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

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

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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.

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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. Arapahoe County Zoning Resolution Section 12-400 governs home occupations in unincorporated areas. A Miscellaneous Permit from Planning & Zoning is required. Operation must be conducted entirely within the principal dwelling by residents only; no visible advertising on premises; no outdoor storage; no truck/trailer deliveries; sales primarily by telephone or direct mail with incidental pickup permitted; must not alter neighborhood character. Up to 20% of garage may be used for storage. Incorporated cities within Arapahoe County (Aurora, Englewood, Centennial, Littleton) have separate city-level requirements.

Health

Upon-complaint. State: no pre-operational inspection; complaint-based only. County home occupation: a site inspection may occur prior to issuance of a miscellaneous permit.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Incidental pickup at home is permitted. Sales may occur at farmers markets, roadside stands, festivals, online with mail/home delivery within Colorado. No retail/restaurant sales. Cottage foods subject to income and sales tax; local business licenses may apply.

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.arapahoegov.com>

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.arapahoegov.com>

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

https://www.arapahoeco.gov/Public%20Works_Development/zoning/faq/Section%2012-400_201810181240598851.pdf

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/colorado/>

Arapahoe County and nearby places

Regulation	Arapahoe County	Denver County	Jefferson 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	Not specified; standard sanitation applies	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Incidental pickup at home is permitted. Sales may occur at farmers markets, roadside stands, festivals, online with mail/home delivery with...	Direct sales only: in-person, online with in-state delivery, farmers markets, events. No wholesale. \$10,000 per-product annual cap. Pending...	Incidental pickup of goods permitted. Online and mail-order sales allowed. \$10,000 per-product annual cap within Colorado. No retail/restau...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Yes	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods that do not require refrigeration only. Products must be sold directly to informed end consumers in Colorad...	Denver is a consolidated city-county. State baseline applies: free CDPHE registration, \$10,000 per-product annual cap, food handler certifi...	Non-potentially hazardous foods that do not require refrigeration only. \$10,000 per-product annual cap. Food safety training required. Dire...
FOOD STORAGE	Products stored in home kitchen; no outdoor storage per Arapahoe County home occupation rules	Standard food storage; non-PHF only	No outdoor storage per Jefferson County home occupation rules; storage within home/garage (up to 25% of garage)
POPULATION	654,453	710,800	580,519

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

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