

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

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

What you need

Boulder 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

Varies

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

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 →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/colorado.pdf>

Colorado cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/colorado>

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/colorado/boulder-county>

Boulder County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/colorado/boulder-county>

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

Varies. Boulder County Cottage Foods Checklist (assets.bouldercounty.gov) explicitly states: producer should confirm home-based business authorized by HOA and local zoning. Boulder County Planning Dept and City of Boulder may have home occupation permit requirements; additional business license or tax registration may apply

Planning: <https://www.bouldercounty.gov/planning>

Health

Upon-complaint. CDPHE complaint-based; contact cdphe_mfgfd@state.co.us

Health: <https://www.bouldercounty.gov/health>

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales at residence, farmers markets, roadside stands, events, online with in-state delivery only; no sales to restaurants or grocery stores; no interstate shipping

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.bouldercounty.gov/health>

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.bouldercounty.gov/health>

<https://www.bouldercounty.gov/planning>

<https://www.bouldercounty.gov>

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

<https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf>

Boulder County and nearby places

Regulation	Boulder County	Weld County	Larimer County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; kitchen sanitation required	No specific state restriction; kitchen sanitation required	No state or county-specific cottage food pet restriction found; CDPHE general guidance applies.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales at residence, farmers markets, roadside stands, events, online with in-state delivery only; no sales to restaurants or grocery...	Direct sales at residence, farmers markets, roadside stands, events, online with in-state delivery; no interstate shipping; no sales to res...	Colorado cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales only (no wholesale, no retail stores). Products may be sold at farmers markets, r...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Non-TCS non-refrigerated foods only; food safety course required; \$10,000 per-product annual cap; direct to consumer only; labeling require...	Non-TCS non-refrigerated foods only; food safety course completion required; \$10,000 per-product annual cap; direct to consumer only (no re...	Colorado state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) requires production in the home kitchen. Free CDPHE registration required. Food handler course (e.g....
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods	Products must be stored properly to prevent contamination per state guidance; no county-specific overlay beyond state standards.
POPULATION	328,658	331,466	359,363

More pages for this place

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

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