

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Douglas 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.

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

What you need

Douglas 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

Yes

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.

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. Douglas County municipalities (Castle Rock, Parker, Highlands Ranch, etc.) have their own home occupation rules. Operators should verify with local municipality. Douglas County itself (unincorporated areas) may have home occupation requirements. Check landlord or HOA policies if applicable.

Health

Upon-complaint. No routine inspection. Douglas County Health Department may inspect upon consumer complaint.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales only (Colorado cottage food law is direct-to-consumer only). Internet sales permitted. In-state delivery permitted. No wholesale or retail store 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.douglas.co.us>

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.douglas.co.us>

<https://www.douglasco.gov/health-department/farmers-markets-and-cottage-foods/>

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

Douglas County and nearby places

Regulation	Douglas County	Jefferson County	Arapahoe County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction in cottage food law.	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	Direct sales only (Colorado cottage food law is direct-to-consumer only). Internet sales permitted. In-state delivery permitted. No wholesa...	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	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Colorado Cottage Food Act (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) allows non-refrigerated, non-PHF foods with no licensing or inspection required. Annual sales...	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	Non-refrigerated, non-PHF finished products only.	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	360,206	580,519	654,453

More pages for this place

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

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