

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in El Paso 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 El Paso County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

El Paso 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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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 →

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El Paso County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/colorado/el-paso-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

Conditional. City of Colorado Springs has home occupation permit requirements. Contact Colorado Springs Planning Division or Pikes Peak Regional Building Department. El Paso County Community Services applies to unincorporated areas. State cottage food law does not preempt local zoning for home occupations.

Planning: <https://www.elpasoco.com/community-services>

Health

Upon-complaint. CDPHE or El Paso County Public Health may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.

Health: <https://www.elpasocountyhealth.org>

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales only: in-person, online with in-state delivery, farmers markets, events. No wholesale. \$10,000 per-product annual cap (no total revenue cap across all products). Whole eggs separately allowed up to 250 dozen/month.

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.elpasocountyhealth.org/licenses-permits-inspections-water-testing/>

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.elpasocountyhealth.org>

<https://www.elpasoco.com/community-services>

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

El Paso County and nearby places

Regulation	El Paso County	Douglas County	Pueblo County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Conditional	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified; standard sanitation applies	No specific state restriction in cottage food law.	No explicit state restriction; food handler training addresses safety practices.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only: in-person, online with in-state delivery, farmers markets, events. No wholesale. \$10,000 per-product annual cap (no tota...	Direct sales only (Colorado cottage food law is direct-to-consumer only). Internet sales permitted. In-state delivery permitted. No wholesa...	Direct sales from home (limited per zoning), farmers markets, and online within Colorado.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies. Free CDPHE registration required. \$10,000 annual cap per product (not total revenue). Food handler certification re...	Colorado Cottage Food Act (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) allows non-refrigerated, non-PHF foods with no licensing or inspection required. Annual sales...	Free CDPHE registration required. Food handler course required (CSU Extension, online, or local health dept course). Annual cap \$10,000 per...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage; non-PHF only	Non-refrigerated, non-PHF finished products only.	Non-refrigerated products stored in sanitary conditions.
POPULATION	730,323	360,206	168,135

More pages for this place

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

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

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