

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-06.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

HOME OCCUPATION

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

Possibly

Unlikely at county level; Town of Elizabeth may require a town business license for operations within town limits; confirm with respective municipality

SALES TAX

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

What you need

Elbert 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

Possibly

LOCAL HEALTH

False

BUSINESS LICENSE

Unlikely at county level; Town of Elizabeth may require a town business license for operations within town limits; confirm with respective municipality

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

True

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

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

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Colorado cottage food law page →

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Permit page for this place →

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Elbert County cottage food law page →

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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

Possibly. Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Elbert County has grown as an exurban county southeast of Denver/Castle Rock; county zoning rules for home-based businesses apply. Producers should verify with Elbert County Planning whether a home occupation permit is needed, particularly in subdivided rural areas.

Planning: <https://www.elbertcounty-co.gov/planning>

Health

False. Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Health: <https://www.elbertcounty-co.gov/public-health>

Business license

Unlikely at county level; Town of Elizabeth may require a town business license for operations within town limits; confirm with respective municipality

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores

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.elbertcounty-co.gov/public-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.elbertcounty-co.gov/public-health>

<https://www.elbertcounty-co.gov/planning>

<https://www.elbertcounty-co.gov>

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

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

Elbert County and nearby places

Regulation	Elbert County	Lincoln County	Douglas County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True	True	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False	False	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production	No specific state restriction in cottage food law.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	False	False	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True	True	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores	Direct sales only (Colorado cottage food law is direct-to-consumer only). Internet sales permitted. In-state delivery permitted. No wholesa...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly	Possibly	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Unlikely at county level; Town of Elizabeth may require a town business license for operations within town limits; confirm with respective ...	Unlikely; rural county with minimal business licensing; confirm with Lincoln County or Town of Hugo	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...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)	Non-refrigerated, non-PHF finished products only.
POPULATION	26,457	5,583	360,206

More pages for this place

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

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