

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Gilpin 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

Possibly; Central City and Black Hawk are home rule cities that may require business licenses; confirm with respective city

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

What you need

Gilpin 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

Possibly; Central City and Black Hawk are home rule cities that may require business licenses; confirm with respective city

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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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. Gilpin County mountain communities (Central City, Black Hawk) are dominated by gaming industry. Most residential population is in Nederland area (Boulder County border). Producers should verify with Gilpin County Planning whether a home occupation permit is needed.

Planning: <https://www.gilpincounty.org/planning>

Health

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

Health: <https://www.gilpincounty.org/public-health>

Business license

Possibly; Central City and Black Hawk are home rule cities that may require business licenses; confirm with respective city

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.gilpincounty.org/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.gilpincounty.org/public-health>

<https://www.gilpincounty.org/planning>

<https://www.gilpincounty.org>

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

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

Gilpin County and nearby places

Regulation	Gilpin County	Clear Creek County	Grand County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True	True	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False	False	False
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 county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	False	False	False
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True	True	True
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	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
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-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly	Possibly	Possibly
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; Central City and Black Hawk are home rule cities that may require business licenses; confirm with respective city	Possibly; City of Idaho Springs and Town of Georgetown may require local business licenses; confirm with respective municipality	Possibly; Town of Winter Park, Town of Granby may require town business licenses for operations within town limits; confirm with respective...
RESTRICTIONS	—	—	—
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)	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)
POPULATION	5,856	9,403	15,724

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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