

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

HOME OCCUPATION

Yes**True**

BUSINESS LICENSE

Possibly; City of Gunnison and Town of Crested Butte may require local business licenses for operations within their limits

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

What you need

Gunnison 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

True

LOCAL HEALTH

False

BUSINESS LICENSE

Possibly; City of Gunnison and Town of Crested Butte may require local business licenses for operations within their limits

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

True. Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit but Gunnison County Land Use Resolution (Section 9-102) specifically governs Home Occupations. One home occupation is allowed without a Land Use Change Permit; more than one home occupation in the same residence requires an Administrative Review Project (Land Use Change Permit). Home occupations must comply with aggregate standards on employee numbers and activity levels per Section 9-102. Producers should contact the Community Development Department (planning@gunnisoncounty.org, 970-641-0360) to confirm compliance.

Planning: <https://www.gunnisoncounty.org/156/Community-Development>

Health

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

Health: <https://www.gunnisoncounty.org/228/Public-Health>

Business license

Possibly; City of Gunnison and Town of Crested Butte may require local business licenses for operations within their limits

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores; home occupation rules may restrict customer visits

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.gunnisoncounty.org/228/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.gunnisoncounty.org/228/Public-Health>

<https://www.gunnisoncounty.org/156/Community-Development>

<https://www.gunnisoncounty.org>

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

<http://gunnisoncounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/3157/Gunnison-County-Land-Use-Resolution--Amended-September-8-2022>

<https://www.gunnisoncounty.org/371/Administrative-Review-Projects>

Gunnison County and nearby places

Regulation	Gunnison County	Pitkin County	Chaffee 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; standard CO cottage food applies	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	False	Upon-complaint only	False
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True	True	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Restricted under Gunnison County Land Use Resolution home occupation standards; limited signage typically allowed	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale	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; home occupation rules may re...	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	True	Likely; verify with Pitkin County Community Development	Possibly
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; City of Gunnison and Town of Crested Butte may require local business licenses for operations within their limits	Possibly; verify with Pitkin County and City of Aspen	Possibly; City of Salida and Town of Buena Vista may require local business licenses for operations within their limits
RESTRICTIONS	—	—	—
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)
POPULATION	17,018	17,325	19,564

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