

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Yes

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

What you need

Jefferson 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

Yes

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Conditional

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

Yes. Jefferson County Zoning Resolution Section 21 (Home Occupations, amended to 2018): A Miscellaneous Permit must be obtained from Jefferson County Planning and Zoning. Conditions: conducted entirely within residential lot by inhabitants; up to 1 additional non-resident employee allowed; must be secondary to residential use; total area not to exceed 25% or 800 sq ft; no exterior storage; no offensive emissions; no exterior structure changes; incidental signage per Sign Section; up to 2 additional vehicles at one time. Exclusions: restaurants, body/mechanical repair, kennels, medical/dental facilities, tattoo shops, retail sales other than ancillary. Mail-order business allowed via Administrative Exception. Cottage food sales from home likely qualify as permitted home occupation with miscellaneous permit.

Health

Upon-complaint. County home occupation: possible site inspection before miscellaneous permit issued. State: complaint-based only.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Incidental pickup of goods permitted. Online and mail-order sales allowed. \$10,000 per-product annual cap within Colorado. No retail/restaurant sales. Jefferson County home occupation rules limit traffic/customer congestion.

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.jeffco.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.jeffco.us>

<https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/2489/Section-21-Home-Occupations-PDF>

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

Jefferson County and nearby places

Regulation	Jefferson County	Adams County	Arapahoe County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply	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	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP	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 permitted. Farmers markets, roadside stands, festivals, online/mail/home delivery within Colorado. \$10,000 per-pr...	Incidental pickup at home is permitted. Sales may occur at farmers markets, roadside stands, festivals, online with mail/home delivery with...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	No	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	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. \$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	No outdoor storage per Jefferson County home occupation rules; storage within home/garage (up to 25% of garage)	Standard home kitchen storage; no outdoor storage per home occupation rules	Products stored in home kitchen; no outdoor storage per Arapahoe County home occupation rules
POPULATION	580,519	520,149	654,453

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

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