

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in La Plata 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

**Conditional**

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

## What you need

La Plata 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

**Conditional**

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

**Yes**

### HOME KITCHEN ONLY

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

### CONTINUE ONLINE

**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 →**

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/colorado/la-plata-county>

**La Plata County cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/colorado/la-plata-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](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/colorado.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/colorado](https://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. La Plata County (unincorporated areas) does not require a general business license for cottage food operations per county licensing page. However, businesses operating in Durango city limits must obtain a Durango business license (processing fee \$30 one-time plus annual fee based on employees). Bayfield and Ignacio have similar requirements. La Plata County Planning Dept. may require land use permit review for home-based businesses under county land use code (chapters 62-90). Phone: La Plata County Planning 970-382-6263.

Planning: <https://www.lpcgov.org/departments/administration/licensing.php>

### Health

Upon-complaint. CDPHE may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.

### Business license

Conditional

### Pickup / delivery

Direct to consumer only. Person-to-person, bake sales, farmers markets, neighbors, events. No sales to retail stores or restaurants. Commercial kitchens available at La Plata County Fairgrounds and Manna Soup Kitchen in Durango if scaling up.

### 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.lpcgov.org>

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.

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**SOURCES**

<https://www.lpcgov.org/departments/administration/licensing.php>

<https://www.lpcgov.org>

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

<https://www.lpcgov.org/departments/administration/licensing.php>

<https://www.durangoherald.com/articles/what-does-it-take-to-turn-your-cooking-into-a-cottage-food/>

## La Plata County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | La Plata County                                                                                                                                 | Montezuma County                                                                                  | Archuleta County                                                                                                                            |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                             | True                                                                                              | True                                                                                                                                        |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                              | False                                                                                             | False                                                                                                                                       |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No specific CO state or La Plata County rule.                                                                                                   | 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        | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                  | Upon-complaint only                                                                               | False                                                                                                                                       |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                             | True                                                                                              | True                                                                                                                                        |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | 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 only. Person-to-person, bake sales, farmers markets, neighbors, events. No sales to retail stores or restaurants. Commer...  | 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     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Likely; verify with Montezuma County Planning                                                     | Possibly                                                                                                                                    |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Possibly; verify with Montezuma County and City of Cortez                                         | Possibly; Town of Pagosa Springs may require a town business license for operations within town limits; confirm with Town of Pagosa Springs |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Non-potentially hazardous, non-refrigerated foods only. \$10,000 annual cap per product (not total). Direct sales only; no retail stores. CD... | —                                                                                                 | —                                                                                                                                           |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Non-refrigerated shelf-stable products only. Allowed: baked goods, pickled fruits/vegetables (pH 4.6 or below), jams/jellies/preserves, spi...  | 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                 | 55,983                                                                                                                                          | 26,070                                                                                            | 13,509                                                                                                                                      |

## 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](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/colorado.pdf)

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