

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

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

What you need

Larimer 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

Yes

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Yes

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. LARIMER COUNTY (unincorporated): Home occupations require a Registration Certificate submitted to Larimer County Planning (planning@larimer.org or 200 W Oak Street, Fort Collins, 3rd Floor). Two tiers: (1) Limited Home Occupation — up to 50% of home interior (max 800 sq ft including basement/attached garage), max 10 vehicle trips/day, requires Registration Certificate only; (2) Large Home Occupation — 800-1,200 sq ft interior, up to 800 sq ft outdoor storage, max 10 vehicle trips/day, requires Administrative Special Review plus Registration Certificate. Operator must occupy the residence as primary dwelling. Max 1 non-resident employee at the site. On-site sales events allowed up to 30 per calendar year for products made on-site. FORT COLLINS (city, separate rules): Home Occupation License required (\$25 fee, valid 2 years); submit to zoning@fcgov.com or Development Review Center, 281 North College Avenue. Max 50% of home for business; max 1 non-resident employee; no retail sales except incidental to services; no exterior storage beyond principal residence; limited signage (max 2-4 sq ft). Contact: 970-498-7860 (Larimer County Clerk), Fort Collins Zoning at fcgov.com/zoning/homebusiness.

Health

Upon-complaint. Colorado state law allows CDPHE inspection upon complaint. No routine inspections for registered cottage food operations.

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Colorado cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales only (no wholesale, no retail stores). Products may be sold at farmers markets, roadside stands, online (with in-person/mail delivery). Home sales and customer pickup from residence are permitted under state law. Larimer County limits on-site retail sales events to 30 per calendar year for home-produced goods. Fort Collins prohibits off-site retail storage; on-site sales must be incidental to services provided.

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.larimer.gov>

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.larimer.gov>

<https://www.larimer.gov/planning/accessory-home-occupations>

<https://fcgov.com/zoning/homebusiness>

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

https://www.larimer.org/sites/default/files/uploads/2022/home_occupations_handout.pdf

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/larimer-county-co>

Larimer County and nearby places

Regulation	Larimer County	Weld County	Boulder County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No state or county-specific cottage food pet restriction found; CDPHE general guidance applies.	No specific state restriction; kitchen sanitation required	No specific state restriction; kitchen sanitation required
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Colorado cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales only (no wholesale, no retail stores). Products may be sold at farmers markets, r...	Direct sales at residence, farmers markets, roadside stands, events, online with in-state delivery; no interstate shipping; no sales to res...	Direct sales at residence, farmers markets, roadside stands, events, online with in-state delivery only; no sales to restaurants or grocery...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Colorado state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614) requires production in the home kitchen. Free CDPHE registration required. Food handler course (e.g....	Non-TCS non-refrigerated foods only; food safety course completion required; \$10,000 per-product annual cap; direct to consumer only (no re...	Non-TCS non-refrigerated foods only; food safety course required; \$10,000 per-product annual cap; direct to consumer only; labeling require...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be stored properly to prevent contamination per state guidance; no county-specific overlay beyond state standards.	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods
POPULATION	359,363	331,466	328,658

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

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