

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Mesa County, Colorado?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Yes**

HOME OCCUPATION

**Varies**

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

## What you need

Mesa 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

**Varies**

LOCAL HEALTH

**Upon-complaint**

BUSINESS LICENSE

**Varies**

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>

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**Mesa County cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/colorado/mesa-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

Varies. Mesa County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. Grand Junction has its own zoning rules. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.

### Health

Upon-complaint. CDPHE may inspect upon complaint or as part of registration process.

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales only: from home, at farmers markets, fairs, events, and via internet/mail order within Colorado only. No wholesale or indirect sales.

### 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.mesacounty.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.

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### SOURCES

<https://www.mesacounty.gov>

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

[https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2022a\\_158\\_signed.pdf](https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2022a_158_signed.pdf)

## Mesa County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Mesa County                                                                                                                                      | Garfield County                                                                                                                                | Montrose County                                                                                   |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Conditional                                                                                                                                      | Yes                                                                                                                                            | True                                                                                              |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                               | No                                                                                                                                             | False                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.                                                                                  | Pets should be excluded from kitchen during production per good manufacturing practices; not explicitly codified in state statute but recom... | No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies                                         |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                   | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 | Upon-complaint only                                                                               |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                              | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | True                                                                                              |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                      | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale          |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct-to-consumer sales only: from home, at farmers markets, fairs, events, and via internet/ mail order within Colorado only. No wholesale...  | Direct sales only under state law. Pickup at home and delivery to consumer are permitted. No internet sales to out-of-state customers.         | Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only) |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                           | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Likely; verify with Montrose County Planning                                                      |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                           | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Possibly; verify with Montrose County and City of Montrose                                        |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Colorado requires free CDPHE registration. Food safety training required (various options: CSU Extension \$50, online food handler card ~\$10... | Colorado state law allows home kitchen cottage food operations. Producer must register with CDPHE (free). Only non-potentially hazardous fo... | —                                                                                                 |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Non-refrigerated non-PHF foods only. Proper storage required.                                                                                    | Products must be stored in a manner that prevents contamination; no separate dedicated storage requirement at state level.                     | Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found                                 |
| POPULATION                 | 156,131                                                                                                                                          | 61,683                                                                                                                                         | 42,823                                                                                            |

## More pages for this place

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

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