

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Likely; verify with Washington County Planning

BUSINESS LICENSE

Possibly; verify with Washington County Clerk

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

What you need

Washington 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

Likely; verify with Washington County Planning

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint only

BUSINESS LICENSE

Possibly; verify with Washington County Clerk

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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Colorado permits PDF →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/colorado.pdf>

Colorado cottage food law page →

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Permit page for this place →

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

Washington County cottage food law page →

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

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

Likely; verify with Washington County Planning. No county-specific home occupation code located. Very small, rural northeastern Colorado county (pop. ~5,000). Town of Akron is county seat. Confirm with Washington County.

Planning: <https://www.washingtoncountyco.gov/planning>

Health

Upon-complaint only. CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614

Health: <https://www.washingtoncountyco.gov/public-health>

Business license

Possibly; verify with Washington County Clerk

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)

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.washingtoncountyco.gov/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.washingtoncountyco.gov/public-health>

<https://www.washingtoncountyco.gov/planning>

<https://www.washingtoncountyco.gov>

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

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb12-048>

Washington County and nearby places

Regulation	Washington County	Lincoln County	Kit Carson County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True	True	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False	False	False
PETS ALLOWED	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only	False	False
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True	True	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	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	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage
DELIVERY / PICKUP	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	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with Washington County Planning	Possibly	Possibly
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; verify with Washington County Clerk	Unlikely; rural county with minimal business licensing; confirm with Lincoln County or Town of Hugo	Possibly; City of Burlington may require a city business license for operations within city limits; confirm with City of Burlington
RESTRICTIONS	—	—	—
FOOD STORAGE	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)	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)
POPULATION	4,817	5,583	7,039

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

Colorado cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/colorado

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