

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Eagle County

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## STATE BASELINE

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Cottage Foods Act, amended 2022)

## STATE TIER

Great

## ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

Tiered (see notes)

## CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

## LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-05

**IMPORTANT – NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

**Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision.** Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous, non-refrigerated foods only. \$10,000 annual cap per product. Direct sales only; no retail stores. CDPHE free registration required. Food handler certification course required. Eagle County includes Vail and other resort communities.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific CO state or Eagle County rule.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (Eagle County (unincorporated) does not have a general county business license requirement. Operations within Town of Eagle, Vail, Avon, Gypsum, Minturn, Eagle-Vail, or other municipalities may require local business licenses. Vail in particular may have strict home occupation requirements due to residential character concerns. Contact Eagle County Community Development and relevant municipality for home occupation permit requirements.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

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

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous, non-refrigerated foods only. \$10,000 annual cap per product. Direct sales only; no retail stores. CDPHE free registration required. Food handler certification course required. Eagle County includes Vail and other resort communities.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific CO state or Eagle County rule.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific requirement; primary residence kitchen.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Covered under required food safety course.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-refrigerated shelf-stable products only. Allowed: baked goods, pickled fruits/vegetables (pH 4.6 or below), jams/jellies/preserves, spices, teas, dehydrated produce, nuts, seeds, honey, flour, fermented foods.

## Inspection & permitting

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<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Conditional

**Customer-facing rules**

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer only. Person-to-person, farmers markets, events. No retail stores.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified; personal operation.

**Relevant county code**

C.R.S. §25-4-1614; Eagle County Land Use Regulations; individual municipality requirements

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Eagle County is an affluent resort county (Vail ski area). No county-specific cottage food rules found beyond state baseline. The high resort-community character may mean stricter local home occupation rules in some municipalities. CDPHE free registration required at state level. Food handler certification course (CSU Extension or online) required.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

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

**Questions?** Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/colorado/eagle-county-discuss>

## State context — Colorado cottage food law

Eagle County’s rules sit on top of Colorado’s state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

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<p><b>STATUTE</b> C.R.S. §25-4-1614</p> <p><b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b> Yes</p> <p><b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b> Upon-complaint</p> <p><b>INDIRECT SALES</b> No — 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.</p>	<p><b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b> Tiered (see notes)</p> <p><b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b> Yes (specific course)</p> <p><b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b> Yes</p>
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For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Colorado cottage food law report](#).

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

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

State dept cottage food page: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/colorado/>

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