

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Kit Carson County

Colorado · Burlington · FIPS 08063 · Population 7,080 ·  
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STATE BASELINE

C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great; [cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods](https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods)

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

Tiered (see notes)

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-06

**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?**

True

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

False

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Possibly (Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Kit Carson County is a rural eastern plains county. Producers should verify with Kit Carson County whether any home occupation permit is required. East Colorado Small Business Development Center may have local resources.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

True

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

False (Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614))

## Home kitchen rules

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED**

True

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN**

False

**PET RESTRICTIONS**

No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production

**WATER SUPPLY**

Potable water required; private well users should verify water quality

**HANDWASHING**

Required per CO cottage food food safety training requirements

**FOOD STORAGE**

Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)

## Inspection & permitting

**INSPECTION REQUIRED**

False — Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

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**LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE**

Possibly; City of Burlington may require a city business license for operations within city limits; confirm with City of Burlington

## Customer-facing rules

**ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP**

True

**ON-SITE SIGNAGE**

Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage

**DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES**

Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores

**MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME**

Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners; no additional employees per state law

### Relevant county code

C.R.S. §25-4-1614 (Colorado Cottage Foods Act)

#### RESEARCH NOTES

No Kit Carson County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state baseline. Rural eastern Colorado plains county bordering Kansas. East Colorado SBDC serves this area. Colorado cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. \$10,000 annual cap per product type.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.kitcarsoncounty.org/public-health>

<https://www.kitcarsoncounty.org/planning>

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

<https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf>

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

## State context — Colorado cottage food law

Kit Carson 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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<b>STATUTE</b> C.R.S. §25-4-1614	<b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b> Tiered (see notes)
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b> Yes	<b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b> Yes (specific course)
<b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b> Upon-complaint	<b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b> Yes
<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.	

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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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