

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Pitkin County

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## STATE BASELINE

C.R.S. §25-4-1614; CO tier: Great

## 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; standard CO cottage food applies

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Likely; verify with Pitkin County Community Development (Pitkin County has published general cottage food guidance confirming state law applies and that operators should check with city/county for local requirements. Pitkin County Land Use Code addresses home occupations; City of Aspen has strict residential-character zoning and separate rules. County recommends verifying HOA and local zoning authorization before operating. Pitkin County Community Development is the point of contact.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

True

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

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

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	True
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	False
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No state or county-specific requirement for cottage food
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Good manufacturing practices expected per CDPHE guidance
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	Upon-complaint only — CDPHE complaint-based inspection under C.R.S. §25-4-1614
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Likely; verify with Pitkin County Community Development — Pitkin County has published general cottage food guidance confirming state law applies and that operators should check with city/county for local requirements. Pitkin County Land Use Code addresses home occupations; City of Aspen has strict residential-character zoning and separate rules. County recommends verifying HOA and local zoning authorization before operating. Pitkin County Community Development is the point of contact.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Possibly; verify with Pitkin County and City of Aspen

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	True
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Sole proprietor or LLC of 2 or fewer owners per state law

### Relevant county code

Pitkin County Land Use Code; see [pitkincounty.com/196/Land-Use](https://pitkincounty.com/196/Land-Use)

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Pitkin County has explicitly published a FAQ on Colorado Cottage Foods Act confirming state law controls and that local zoning and HOA rules may additionally apply. County FAQ confirms no state permit needed but local check recommended. High-value resort area (Aspen); zoning is stringent. City of Aspen operates separately from unincorporated Pitkin County.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.pitkincounty.com/226/Public-Health-Environment>

<https://pitkincounty.com/196/Land-Use>

<https://www.pitkincounty.com>

<https://pitkincounty.com/DocumentCenter/View/560>

<https://pitkincounty.com/671/Licenses-Permits-Requirements>

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

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

## State context — Colorado cottage food law

Pitkin 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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