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Castle Rock vacation rental checklist

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Castle Rock has had no short-term rental ordinance; the town requires a business license and collects its own sales tax, which platforms didn't remit when we last saw it reported (2020). Check your HOA, since many ban stays under a month.

> This comes from a 2020 news report; we didn't find a current town page. Confirm with the Town of Castle Rock before you list.

Licensing steps

STATE OF COLORADO

- [ ] **Get a state sales tax license**
  If you rent rooms or a home for stays under 30 days, Colorado requires a sales tax license from the Department of Revenue. Platforms like Airbnb collect the state and state-administered taxes on their bookings; you file for anything booked directly.
  MyBiz Colorado: https://mybiz.colorado.gov/

- [ ] **Check for home-rule city taxes**
  Many cities and mountain towns collect their own sales and lodging taxes. Platforms aren't required by the state to collect these, so you may need a separate city tax license and returns.

- [ ] **Get your county or city rental license**
  Most Colorado mountain counties and towns, and Denver, require a short-term rental license or permit, often with an inspection, an occupancy limit, posted information, and a local responder. Pick your area for the rules.

DOUGLAS COUNTY, COLORADO

- [ ] **Then your town or area**
  Cities and towns make their own rental rules inside their limits; the county's rules apply only outside them. Pick your area.

TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK

- [ ] **Get a town business license and sales tax account**
  Castle Rock requires a business license for short-term rentals and collects its own 4% sales tax. In 2020 Airbnb and Vrbo didn't remit town tax, so plan to file it yourself unless the town tells you otherwise.

- [ ] **Taxes on each stay**
  Stays under 30 days owe 2.9% state, Douglas County and RTD taxes, and Castle Rock's 4% town sales tax. Airbnb and other platforms collect the state and state-administered taxes on their bookings; for direct bookings, file with the Colorado Department of Revenue. Castle Rock is a home-rule town; ask whether it has since added a lodging tax and whether platforms now collect town tax.

Official sources

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