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Unincorporated Grand County vacation rental checklist

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Outside town limits, Grand County requires a yearly short-term rental permit costing $100 per advertised guest, with a 16-guest maximum. Two emergency contacts who live in the county must be able to respond within an hour. Stays owe about 6% in state and county taxes.

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.

GRAND COUNTY, COLORADO

- [ ] **Then your town or area**
  Each town licenses its own short-term rentals and collects its own taxes; outside town limits the county's rules apply. Pick your area.

GRAND COUNTY (UNINCORPORATED AREAS)

- [ ] **Complete the safety checklist**
  Fill out the county's STR Safety Checklist before you apply.
  STR Safety Checklist: https://www.co.grand.co.us/FormCenter/Short-Term-Rentals-16/STRSafety-Checklist-97

- [ ] **Apply online**
  Apply for the permit through the county's Host Compliance portal and pay $100 per advertised guest. Name two emergency contacts who live in the county; report changes within five business days.
  Grand County STR permit: https://secure.hostcompliance.com/grand-county-co/permit-registration/welcome

- [ ] **Taxes on each stay**
  Stays under 30 days owe about 6%: 2.9% state, 1.3% county sales tax, and the county lodging 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. Post the tax rates in the rental.

Fees

$100 per advertised guest a year

Short-term rental permit (yearly)	**$100 per advertised occupant**

Official sources

Colorado Department of Revenue: Sales & Use Tax Topics: Rooms & Accommodations-. https://tax.colorado.gov/sales-use-tax-topics-rooms-accommodations

Colorado Department of Revenue: Sales Tax Guide and Colorado Sales/Use Tax Rates (DR 1002)-. https://tax.colorado.gov/sites/tax/files/Sales%2011.pdf

Grand County (reference sheet on a CDN; no date): Grand County Short Term Rental (STR) Reference Sheet-. https://d15zjc2r4e8kr7.cloudfront.net/8981/Grand_County_STR_Guidelines_Print.pdf