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# Unincorporated La Plata County vacation rental checklist

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Outside Durango, Bayfield, and Ignacio, La Plata County had no short-term rental license as of October 2023, though it was studying permits, caps, and yearly fees. Rentals still owe sales and lodgers taxes, and the county uses a listing-tracking service to check that owners pay.

> Our most recent source is an October 2023 news report. The county may have adopted rules since; confirm 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.

### LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

- [ ] **Get a state sales tax license**
  Needed for any rental unless a platform covers all your taxes.
- [ ] **Then your town or area**
  Towns set their own rental licenses and collect their own taxes, and the county's rules cover only areas outside town limits. Pick your area.

### UNINCORPORATED LA PLATA COUNTY

- [ ] **Ask county planning what's changed**
  In late 2023 the county was surveying residents about operating permits, caps, and yearly fees, and considering a noise ordinance first. Ask La Plata County Planning whether anything has been adopted before you list. Check your HOA covenants too.
- [ ] **Taxes on each stay**
  Stays under 30 days owe 2.9% state sales tax plus La Plata County sales tax and the county lodgers 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. The county checks listings against lodgers tax filings, so register and file even if a platform collects for you.

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