

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Prince George's County

Maryland · Upper Marlboro · FIPS 24033 · Population 957,189 · Crosodo Index #2128*

STATE BASELINE

MD COMAR 10.15.03.27; annual cap \$50,000

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

50000

CONFIDENCE

HIGH

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-05

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.

How to start — 60-second path

Prince George's County, Maryland — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

50000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

Not specified; standard sanitation applies

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Maryland cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ Maryland home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Maryland label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

MARYLAND: PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Prince George's County explicitly allows cottage food production at home for sale at farmers markets and temporary events only. County zoning constraints generally do not allow residential property for food preparation for public consumption except for cottage food and B&B continental breakfast exemptions.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified; standard sanitation applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Cottage food businesses must comply with all applicable county and municipal laws. Contact Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) for home occupation permit requirements. The county's official page states zoning constraints apply and cottage food is an exception to normal residential food production rules.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Health department investigates upon receipt of complaint. No routine inspections for cottage food.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Not specified; standard sanitation applies

WATER SUPPLY

Potable water required; well water or public supply acceptable with appropriate testing

HANDWASHING

Standard sanitation required per MDH guidelines

FOOD STORAGE

Standard food storage per COMAR 10.15.03; no additional county-specific requirements found

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	State baseline: direct-to-consumer at farmers markets, fairs, festivals; customer pickup from home allowed per MDH 2025 guidelines; retail store sales allowed up to 50% of total. County page notes sales at farmers markets and temporary events specifically. Annual cap \$50,000.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Unknown

Relevant county code

COMAR 10.15.03.27 (state baseline); Prince George's County zoning code (residential food production restrictions with cottage food exception)

RESEARCH NOTES

Prince George's County has a specific web page on home food service that explicitly states zoning constraints generally prohibit residential food prep for public consumption, with cottage food as a named exception (for farmers markets and temporary events). The 2025 MDH guidelines confirm cottage food is allowed from home with sales at farmers markets, fairs, festivals, customer pickup, retail stores (up to 50%), and personal/mail delivery. No county health permit is issued for cottage food. County zoning compliance required. The county's DPIE page should be consulted for any home occupation permit applicable to the business operation itself.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/health>

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/permitting-inspections-and-enforcement>

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov>

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/permitting-inspections-and-enforcement/plan-review/building-plan-review-division/health-section/home-food-service>

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/health/environmental-health/food-safety-permits-inspections/can-i-sell-food-i-make-home-public>

https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OEHFP/OFPCS/Documents/Updated_CF_Guidelines_2025.pdf

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/maryland/prince-george-s-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Prince George's County	Montgomery County	Anne Arundel County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified; standard sanitation applies	State baseline applies	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	State baseline: direct-to-consumer at farmers markets, fairs, festivals; customer pickup from home allowed per MDH 2025 guidelines; retail ...	State baseline applies: direct-to-consumer sales. Cottage food cannot be sold outside Maryland. Montgomery County requires a Farmer's Marke...	Direct-to-consumer sales: home, farmers markets, public events, personal delivery, mail order within Maryland. Sales to retail stores requi...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies by city	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Prince George's County explicitly allows cottage food production at home for sale at farmers markets and temporary events only. County zoni...	Montgomery County follows Maryland state baseline for cottage food (COMAR 10.15.03.27). The state \$50,000 annual cap applies. Montgomery Co...	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. \$50,000 annual gross sales cap. MDH review required for sales at retail stores (Class B equivalent); ...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage per COMAR 10.15.03; no additional county-specific requirements found	State baseline applies	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-PHF foods
POPULATION	957,189	1,056,910	588,109

State context — Maryland cottage food law

Prince George's County's rules sit on top of Maryland's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
MD COMAR 10.15.03.27	50000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
Depends	Recommended
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
Upon-complaint	No
INDIRECT SALES	
Limited (see notes) — Sales at retail food stores (indirect) are allowed but require prior submission of labels and documentation of ANSI-accredited food safety course completion to the Maryland Department of Health before any retail sales can commence. The Department must notify the producer in writing that requirements are met before retail sales begin.	

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Maryland cottage food law report](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/maryland.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://regs.maryland.gov/us/md/exec/comar/10.15.03.27>

State dept cottage food page: <https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OEHFP/OFPCHS/Pages/Cottage-Food.aspx>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/maryland/>

Questions about Prince George's County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

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Classifieds

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