

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Trumbull County

Ohio · Warren · FIPS 39155 · Population 201,749 · Crosodo
Index #794*

STATE BASELINE

O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

—

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

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

Trumbull County, Ohio — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food; GMP practices apply.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Ohio 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
- ☐ Ohio home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Ohio label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

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

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen without registration. Must follow approved product list (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No reduced oxygen packaging. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Trumbull County (Warren/Youngstown area) zoning administered at township/municipal level.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Trumbull County unincorporated areas: home occupation rules enforced by individual townships. Municipalities (Warren, Niles, Girard, etc.) have their own zoning. Contact relevant township or municipal zoning office. Ohio cottage food URL for the county govt is co.trumbull.oh.us.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Ohio cottage food law. ODA may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food; GMP practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for cottage food under Ohio state law.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP guidelines.
FOOD STORAGE	Approved product list compliance required. Standard GMP storage.

Inspection & permitting

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Trumbull County unincorporated areas: home occupation rules enforced by individual townships. Municipalities (Warren, Niles, Girard, etc.) have their own zoning. Contact relevant township or municipal zoning office. Ohio cottage food URL for the county govt is co.trumbull.oh.us .
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Ohio cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales from home, events, farmers markets, and online. Products must stay within Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state-level employee cap. Township/municipal zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04; Trumbull County township zoning ordinances

RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio state baseline applies. Trumbull County (county seat: Warren) is in northeastern Ohio, part of the Youngstown-Warren-Boardman metro area. No county-specific overrides found. Zoning administered at township/municipal level.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.trumbull.oh.us>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/ohio/trumbull-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Trumbull County	Mahoning County	Portage County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food; GMP practices apply.	Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food operations, but GMP practices discourage pet presence in food prep area...	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Ohio cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales from home, events, farmers markets, and online. Products must stay within Ohio.	Ohio state law permits direct sales from home, at events, farmers markets, and online. Delivery to customers is allowed. No county-specific...	Direct-to-consumer and indirect sales (within Ohio only — products cannot be sold outside Ohio). Allowed venues: home, farmers markets, fai...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen without registration. Must follow approved product list (Ohio Admin. Cod...	Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen for non-potentially hazardous foods on the approved product list. No sep...	Ohio allows cottage food from home kitchens with no registration or sales cap. Products must be on the approved list (OAC 901:3-20-04): non...
FOOD STORAGE	Approved product list compliance required. Standard GMP storage.	Products must be stored in a manner that prevents contamination; standard GMP storage practices apply.	Approved products only; non-PHF; proper storage to prevent contamination.
POPULATION	201,749	227,979	161,217

State context — Ohio cottage food law

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

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20	—
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
No	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	No
INDIRECT SALES	
Yes — Labeled cottage food products may be sold to or used by retail food establishments and food service operations licensed under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3717. This enables indirect/wholesale sales within Ohio. Products may not be sold outside the state of Ohio.	

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **Ohio cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/ohio.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

State dept cottage food page: <https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

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

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

crosodo.com/nb/ohio/trumbull-county-discuss

Classifieds

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