

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Kent County

Rhode Island · East Greenwich · FIPS 44003 · Population
170,168 · Crosodo Index #2588*

STATE BASELINE

R.I. Gen. Laws §21-27-6.2

STATE TIER

Poor

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

50000

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

Kent County, Rhode Island — 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?

Yes

INSPECTION

Yes

PETS

DOH inspection applies; pets likely required away from food prep areas.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Rhode Island 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 (Only non-refrigerated baked goods allowed (double crust pies, yeast breads, biscuits, brownies, cookies, muffins, cakes that do not require refrigeration). Registration required (\$65 fee). 8-hour food handler training required. Notarized affidavit and kitchen sketch required. Annual sales cap \$50,000. DOH may inspect at any time. Direct sales only within Rhode Island; no wholesale, no grocery stores, no restaurants, no schools, no long-term care facilities.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Rhode Island counties are administrative only and do not have county government; municipalities govern local rules. Kent County municipalities (e.g., Warwick, Cranston, West Warwick) each have their own zoning rules for home-based businesses. County URLs were blank in input. Home occupation permits typically required by municipalities.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (DOH may inspect at any time for compliance. No routine scheduled inspections but DOH retains right to inspect.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Only non-refrigerated baked goods allowed (double crust pies, yeast breads, biscuits, brownies, cookies, muffins, cakes that do not require refrigeration). Registration required (\$65 fee). 8-hour food handler training required. Notarized affidavit and kitchen sketch required. Annual sales cap \$50,000. DOH may inspect at any time. Direct sales only within Rhode Island; no wholesale, no grocery stores, no restaurants, no schools, no long-term care facilities.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	DOH inspection applies; pets likely required away from food prep areas.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing facilities required; assessed during registration.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-refrigerated shelf-stable baked goods stored properly.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only within Rhode Island. Products may not be sold outside the state.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state restriction specified; household operation implied.

Relevant county code

R.I. Gen. Laws §21-27-6.2; municipal zoning ordinances (Kent County municipalities)

RESEARCH NOTES

Rhode Island has one of the most restrictive cottage food laws nationally (tier 'Poor'). Rhode Island counties have no county government; municipalities govern local rules. The operative statute is §21-27-6.2 (enacted P.L. 2022, amended P.L. 2024), not §21-27-6.1 as listed in the input. Registration fee is \$65 payable to General Treasurer, State of RI.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://kentcountyri.gov>

<https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=257>

<https://webserver.rilegislature.gov/Statutes/TITLE21/21-27/21-27-6.1.htm>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Kent County	Washington County	Newport County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	DOH inspection applies; pets likely required away from food prep areas.	Not specified; kitchen sanitation required.	Kitchen inspection will evaluate conditions; no specific statutory statement on pets.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only within Rhode Island. Products may not be sold outside the state.	Direct sales only. No wholesale/consignment. No sales to grocery stores, restaurants, long-term care facilities, group homes, daycares, or ...	Direct sales only within Rhode Island. No wholesale, no grocery store/restaurant sales, no sales to long-term care facilities, group homes,...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Only non-refrigerated baked goods allowed (double crust pies, yeast breads, biscuits, brownies, cookies, muffins, cakes that do not require...	One of the most restrictive cottage food laws in the US. Only non-refrigerated baked goods allowed (double crust pies, yeast breads, biscui...	Rhode Island has one of the most restrictive cottage food laws in the US. Only non-refrigerated baked goods are allowed (double crust pies,...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-refrigerated shelf-stable baked goods stored properly.	Only non-refrigerated baked goods. Stored in food-safe containers.	No specific statutory storage requirements beyond what is evaluated in inspection.
POPULATION	170,168	129,998	85,442

State context — Rhode Island cottage food law

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

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
R.I. Gen. Laws §21-27-6.2	50000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
Yes	Yes
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
Yes	Yes
INDIRECT SALES	
No — No wholesale or consignment sales permitted. Sales to grocery stores, restaurants, long-term care facilities, group homes, daycare facilities, and schools are prohibited. Internet/mail/phone sales are permissible but the operator or designee must personally deliver within the state. Farmers market and temporary event sales require an additional retail food peddler license.	

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <http://webserver.rilegislature.gov/Statutes/TITLE21/21-27/21-27-6.1.htm>

State dept cottage food page: <https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=257>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/rhode-island/>

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crosodo.com/nb/rhode-island/kent-county-discuss

Classifieds

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SUPPLIES

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