

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Alpine County, California?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-06.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

HOME OCCUPATION

True

Unlikely; Alpine County has no incorporated cities and minimal business licensing infrastructure; confirm with county

SALES CAP

Tiered

CALIFORNIA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[California permits PDF](#)[California cottage food law page](#)[California Department of Public Health cottage food program](#)[Statute: Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Alpine County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Alpine County, California. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

True

LOCAL HEALTH

Class A: complaint-based only; Class B: annual inspection by county Environmental Health

BUSINESS LICENSE

Unlikely; Alpine County has no incorporated cities and minimal business licensing infrastructure; confirm with county

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

True

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

HOW THIS PLACE WORKS

California cottage food is registered at the county. CDPH does not issue cottage-food permits. Class A registration and Class B permits are handled by the county (or city) environmental health department where you live. If this file only has a county homepage, call Environmental Health and ask for the cottage-food (CFO) page. Class A is registration. Class B is a permit.

Official source: [CDPH Cottage Food Operations](#)

CONTINUE ONLINE

California permits PDF →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf>

California cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/california>

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/california/alpine-county>

Alpine County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/california/alpine-county>

Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

California registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Class B permit holders may sell indirectly through retail stores and restaurants statewide; Class A registrants are limited to direct sales only and may not sell through any retail or wholesale venue.

California permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/california

California Department of Public Health: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/Cottage%20Food%20Operations/CFO_Faq.pdf

Statute: [Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758](#)

Zoning / home occupation

True. California state law (GOV §51035) preempts local zoning restrictions on cottage food operations. However, Alpine County may require a zoning clearance or home occupation permit for any home-based business. Class A requires county Environmental Health registration; Class B requires county Environmental Health permit. Alpine County is extremely rural (population ~1,200) and the Environmental Health function is handled by El Dorado County EHS under a services agreement. Contact El Dorado County EHS for CFO registration.

Planning: <https://www.alpinecountyca.gov/193/Planning>

Health

Class A: complaint-based only; Class B: annual inspection by county Environmental Health. Class A - complaint only; Class B - routine annual inspection

Health: <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/EnvironmentalHealth>

Business license

Unlikely; Alpine County has no incorporated cities and minimal business licensing infrastructure; confirm with county

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales and delivery within California only; no interstate sales per state law

If you rent a commissary kitchen

CDPH does not permit commissaries. Counties do. California cottage food (Class A/B) is county environmental health. A commissary, restaurant, or shared kitchen is a retail food facility under CalCode, also at county environmental health, on a different application than the CFO form.

Official source: [CDPH food safety program](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/EnvironmentalHealth>

This file is the home-kitchen path. A rented kitchen uses a different permit. Ask the kitchen manager which license they expect, then call the local health office.

SOURCES

<https://www.edcgov.us/Government/EnvironmentalHealth>

<https://www.alpinecountyca.gov/193/Planning>

<https://www.alpinecountyca.gov>

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC§ionNum=113758

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/Cottage%20Food%20Operations/CFO_Faq.pdf

Alpine County and nearby places

Regulation	Alpine County	Mono County	Amador County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True	True	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False	False	False
PETS ALLOWED	No specific county rule; CDPH guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production	No specific county rule; CDPH guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production	No specific county rule; CDPH guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Class A: complaint-based only; Class B: annual inspection by county Environmental Health	Class A: complaint-based only; Class B: annual inspection by county Environmental Health	Class A: complaint-based only; Class B: annual inspection by county Environmental Health
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True	True	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No commercial signage per typical CA home occupation rules; state law preempts restrictions on cottage food sales	No commercial signage per typical CA home occupation rules; state law preempts restrictions on cottage food sales	No commercial signage per typical CA home occupation rules; state law preempts restrictions on cottage food sales
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales and delivery within California only; no interstate sales per state law	Direct sales and delivery within California only; no interstate sales per state law	Direct sales and delivery within California only; no interstate sales per state law
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	True	True	True
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Unlikely; Alpine County has no incorporated cities and minimal business licensing infrastructure; confirm with county	County unincorporated areas generally do not require a county business license; Town of Mammoth Lakes may require town business license for...	County unincorporated areas do not require a county business license; incorporated cities (Jackson, Sutter Creek, etc.) may require city bu...
RESTRICTIONS	—	—	—
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per CDPH approved foods list; all products must be non-potentially hazardous	Standard food safety storage per CDPH approved foods list; all products must be non-potentially hazardous	Standard food safety storage per CDPH approved foods list; all products must be non-potentially hazardous
POPULATION	1,515	13,219	40,577

More pages for this place

These Crosodo pages cover the same home cottage-food path:

California permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf

California cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/california

Alpine County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/california/alpine-county