

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

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 Lake County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Lake 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

Yes

LOCAL HEALTH

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Yes

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/lake-county>

Lake County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/california/lake-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

Yes. All CFOs must obtain approval from local city or county planning department in addition to Environmental Health registration/permit. Planning department requirements vary by jurisdiction. Sellers Permits from Board of Equalization and city/county Business Licenses may also be required. Lake County Environmental Health administers registrations/permits.

Health

Conditional. Class B: initial inspection before permit; Class A: no routine inspection. Both: complaint-based inspection possible.

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Class A: direct sales from home or at community events within California. Class B: direct and indirect sales through retailers/restaurants within California. Both must be within-state only.

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.lakecountyca.gov/357/Food-Facility-Applications>

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.lakecountycalifornia.gov>

<https://www.lakecountycalifornia.gov/355/Cottage-Food-Operations>

<https://www.lakecountycalifornia.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1074/Operator-Overview-PDF>

<https://www.lakecountycalifornia.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1069/California-Homemade-Food-Act-PDF>

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

Lake County and nearby places

Regulation	Lake County	Mendocino County	Glenn County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	False
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified but standard sanitation expected	No specific state prohibition for cottage food; good manufacturing practices recommend keeping pets out of food preparation areas.	No specific county rule; CDPH guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional	Yes	Class A: complaint-based only; Class B: annual inspection by county Environmental Health
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	No commercial signage per typical CA home occupation rules; state law preempts restrictions on cottage food sales
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Class A: direct sales from home or at community events within California. Class B: direct and indirect sales through retailers/restaurants ...	Class A: direct sales only (home, farmers markets, events, online within California). Class B: also allows retail stores and restaurants. N...	Direct sales and delivery within California only; no interstate sales per state law
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	No	True
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	County unincorporated areas generally do not require a county business license; City of Willows may require city business license
RESTRICTIONS	Class A (direct sales only): annual self-certification registration with Lake County Environmental Health required. Class B (direct + indir...	California two-tier cottage food system: Class A (direct sales only, ~\$86,206/year cap as of 2025) and Class B (direct and indirect sales, ...	—
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-PHF products; no acidified or low-acid canned foods	Only CDPH-approved non-PHF shelf-stable foods; must prevent contamination.	Standard food safety storage per CDPH approved foods list; all products must be non-potentially hazardous
POPULATION	68,024	91,145	28,657

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

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Lake County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/california/lake-county