

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

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

What you need

Marin 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

Conditional

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/marin-county>

Marin County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/california/marin-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](https://www.crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/california](https://www.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

Conditional. California state law (Gov. Code §51035) preempts local zoning from restricting CFOs. Marin County requires a local business license from the county (for unincorporated areas) or respective city. Must obtain approval from Marin County Environmental Health Services before selling.

Health

Conditional. Class B: inspection required before permit issued; Class A: no routine inspection; either class subject to inspection upon complaint

Health: <https://www.marincounty.gov/departments/cda/env-health-svcs/prgm-food/cottage-food-op>

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Class A: direct sales only including online (local delivery/pickup or shipping within CA). Class B: direct + indirect (wholesale to retailers within Marin County; reciprocal agreements may allow cross-county indirect sales). No interstate sales.

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.marincounty.gov/departments/cda/env-health-svcs/prgm-food>

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.marincounty.gov/departments/cda/env-health-svcs/prgm-food/cottage-food-op>

<https://www.marincounty.org>

<https://www.marincounty.gov/departments/cda/env-health-svcs/prgm-food/cottage-food-op>

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

Marin County and nearby places

Regulation	Marin County	Solano County	Sonoma County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Conditional	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified by county; state law requires sanitary food preparation area	Pets prohibited from kitchen during food production.	No specific state cottage food pet restriction beyond general sanitation
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional	Upon-complaint	Conditional
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Class A: direct sales only including online (local delivery/pickup or shipping within CA). Class B: direct + indirect (wholesale to retaile...	Class A: direct to consumer sales only (in-person, online, delivery within California). Class B: may also sell to retail stores and restaur...	Class A: direct sales at residence, farmers markets, bake sales, farm stands, community events. Class B: adds wholesale to local shops and ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Yes	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Class A (direct sales only, cap \$75,000/year per Marin County EHS). Class B (direct + indirect/wholesale, cap \$150,000/year). Annual permit...	California cottage food law (Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758) allows Class A (direct sales, annual cap ~\$86,206 as of 2025) and Class B (...)	Class A: direct sales only, ~\$86,206 annual cap, registration with Sonoma County Environmental Health. Class B: direct and indirect sales, ...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS CDPH-approved foods only; no refrigerated products	Non-TCS, shelf-stable foods only per state-approved list.	Approved non-potentially hazardous food storage in home kitchen only
POPULATION	260,485	450,995	488,436

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

Marin County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/california/marin-county