

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Mono County, California?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

HOME OCCUPATION

**Yes**

BUSINESS LICENSE

**True**

**County unincorporated areas generally do not require a county business license; Town of Mammoth Lakes may require town business license for operations within town limits**

SALES TAX

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

## What you need

Mono 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

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### 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/mono-county>

**Mono County cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/california/mono-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://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/california](https://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](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. Mono County Environmental Health processes CFO registrations (Class A) and permits (Class B). High-altitude Eastern Sierra county; Mammoth Lakes is the largest community. Contact Mono County Environmental Health for registration.

Planning: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/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://monocounty.ca.gov/environmental-health>

### Business license

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### 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://monocounty.ca.gov/environmental-health>

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.

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**SOURCES**

<https://monocounty.ca.gov/environmental-health>

<https://monocounty.ca.gov/planning>

<https://monocounty.ca.gov>

[https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&sectionNum=113758](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&sectionNum=113758)

[https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/Cottage%20Food%20Operations/CFO\\_Faq.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/Cottage%20Food%20Operations/CFO_Faq.pdf)

## Mono County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Mono County                                                                                                                                    | Inyo County                                                                                                       | Alpine 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     | County unincorporated areas generally do not require a county business license; Town of Mammoth Lakes may require town business license for... | County unincorporated areas generally do not require a county business license; confirm with Inyo County          | Unlikely; Alpine County has no incorporated cities and minimal business licensing infrastructure; confirm with county |
| 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                 | 13,219                                                                                                                                         | 18,829                                                                                                            | 1,515                                                                                                                 |

## 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](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf)

California cottage food law: [crosodo.com/states/california](https://crosodo.com/states/california)

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