

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Santa Barbara 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 Santa Barbara County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Santa Barbara 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

Upon-complaint

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](#)

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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/santa-barbara-county>

Santa Barbara County cottage food law page →

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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

Yes. Santa Barbara County EHS requires Class A registration (\$199/yr) or Class B health permit (\$271/yr). Additionally, local city or county planning department approval required: Home Occupation Permit or business license from local city planning department, or Exemption Letter from county Code Enforcement if in unincorporated areas. Contact SB County EHS: 800-442-2283. California state law (GOV §51035) preempts local zoning restrictions on CFOs.

Health

Upon-complaint. Class A: no initial inspection; only upon consumer complaint. Class B: initial inspection before permit issuance, then annual inspections. Complaint-based inspections for both classes.

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Class A: direct-to-consumer only within California (in-person, online, delivery). Class B: direct and indirect sales to retailers/restaurants within California. Out-of-county sales require permission from destination county EHS agency.

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.countyofsb.org/ch-caterers-shared-kitchens-host-facilities>

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.countyofsb.org>

<https://ehs.sbcounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/97/Programs/Food/CottageFoodOps/cottage-food-operations-faq.pdf>

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

Santa Barbara County and nearby places

Regulation	Santa Barbara County	San Luis Obispo County	Ventura County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets prohibited from kitchen during food production.	General sanitation required; kitchen must be clean and pest-free	Standard sanitation; not specifically stated in county materials
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Depends-on-volume	Conditional
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Class A: direct-to-consumer only within California (in-person, online, delivery). Class B: direct and indirect sales to retailers/restauran...	Class A: direct sales only. Class B: direct and indirect including retail. Max 1 non-family FTE employee	Class A: direct sales via in person, phone, internet; mail/ third-party delivery within California. Class B: direct plus indirect (restauran...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Yes	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	California cottage food law (Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758) allows Class A (direct sales, ~\$86,206 annual cap as of 2025) and Class B (...)	CDPH-approved food list only; annual Class A registration or Class B permit required from SLO County Environmental Health; food handler car...	Ventura County Resource Management Agency (Environmental Health Division) administers CFO permits. Class A (direct sales only, up to \$75,00...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only per state-approved list.	CDPH-approved non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions	Standard food storage per state approved foods list
POPULATION	445,213	281,712	842,009

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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