

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

What you need

Sonoma 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/sonoma-county>

Sonoma County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/california/sonoma-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. Sonoma County Environmental Health explicitly states operators must contact Permit Sonoma for specific zoning requirements (building department). Zoning criteria include parking, noise, traffic control, density. Class A and B CFOs must contact local city or county planning department. Permit Sonoma (permitsonoma.org) governs unincorporated Sonoma County. For properties within cities (Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Sonoma, etc.), contact the respective city planning department.

Health

Conditional. Class A: no inspection except upon consumer complaint. Class B: initial inspection before permit and annually thereafter.

Health: <https://www.sonomacounty.gov/health>

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Class A: direct sales at residence, farmers markets, bake sales, farm stands, community events. Class B: adds wholesale to local shops and restaurants. Both limited to within Sonoma County/California. One full-time equivalent non-family employee allowed. To sell at community events, a temporary food facility permit required.

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.sonomacounty.gov/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.

SOURCES

<https://www.sonomacounty.gov/health>

<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov>

[https://sonomacounty.gov/health-and-human-services/health-services/divisions/public-health/environmental-health/programs-and-services/food-safety-program/cottage-food-operations-\(cfos\)](https://sonomacounty.gov/health-and-human-services/health-services/divisions/public-health/environmental-health/programs-and-services/food-safety-program/cottage-food-operations-(cfos))

<https://permitsonoma.org/divisions/engineeringandconstruction/wellandsepticssystems/septicssystems/cottagefoodssepticrequirements>

Sonoma County and nearby places

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

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

Sonoma County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/california/sonoma-county