

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

What you need

Stanislaus 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/stanislaus-county>

Stanislaus County cottage food law page →

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

Yes. Stanislaus County CFO application packet explicitly states: 'Most planning departments will require a home occupation permit and a business license be obtained for both Class A and Class B CFOs.' Operators must obtain approval from the Stanislaus County Planning Department (209-525-6330) or local city planning department depending on property location. Zoning criteria include parking, noise, traffic control, density.

Health

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

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Class A: direct sales only — at residence, certified farmers markets, bake sales, community events. Class B: adds indirect sales to local shops and restaurants. Both limited to within Stanislaus County and California. One full-time equivalent non-family employee allowed.

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.stancounty.com/er/environmentalhealth/food-program.shtm>

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.stancounty.com>

<https://www.stancounty.com/er/pdf/cottage-food-operations/cfo-class-a-packet.pdf>

<https://www.stancounty.com/er/pdf/california-homemade-food-act-faq.pdf>

Stanislaus County and nearby places

Regulation	Stanislaus County	San Joaquin County	Merced County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state cottage food pet restriction beyond general sanitation	Standard sanitation; no specific county guidance found	Not specified in available sources; general sanitation and clean kitchen required
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional	Conditional	Depends-on-volume
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Class A: direct sales only — at residence, certified farmers markets, bake sales, community events. Class B: adds indirect sales to local s...	Class A: direct sales only (in person, phone, internet; mail/ third-party delivery permitted within California). Class B: direct and indirec...	Class A: direct sales only (at home, farmers markets, events). Class B: direct and indirect sales including retail stores and online. Max 1...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Conditional	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Class A: direct sales only, ~\$86,206 annual cap, registration with Stanislaus County Environmental Resources, no inspection. Class B: direc...	San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department administers CFO permits. Class A: \$186 fee, direct sales only, up to current state cap [...]	CDPH-approved food list only; annual Class A registration or Class B permit required from Merced County Environmental Health; food handler ...
FOOD STORAGE	Approved non-potentially hazardous food storage in home kitchen only	Standard food storage per state approved foods list	CDPH-approved non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions
POPULATION	552,063	779,445	282,290

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

Stanislaus County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/california/stanislaus-county