

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

What you need

Tulare 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/tulare-county>

Tulare County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/california/tulare-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. California cottage food law requires local planning/zoning approval for CFOs. Tulare County planning department governs unincorporated areas; cities within the county (Visalia, Tulare, Porterville, etc.) have their own planning departments. Operators should contact Tulare County Resource Management Agency (Planning) for unincorporated areas or the relevant city planning department. Home occupation permit and business license typically required.

Health

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

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Class A: direct sales at residence, certified farmers markets, bake sales, community events. Class B: adds indirect sales to local shops and restaurants. Both limited to within Tulare 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://tularecounty.ca.gov>

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://tularecounty.ca.gov>

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

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/california/>

Tulare County and nearby places

Regulation	Tulare County	Kings County	Kern 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	No specific state restriction on pets, but pets must not be in food preparation areas per GMP.	Standard sanitation applies; not specifically addressed in county guidance
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional	No	Conditional
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Class A: direct sales at residence, certified farmers markets, bake sales, community events. Class B: adds indirect sales to local shops an...	Class A: direct sales only, online and shipping within California. Class B: direct sales plus retail stores and restaurants. Both classes: ...	Class A: direct sales only (in person, phone, internet; mail or third-party delivery permitted). Class B: direct and indirect through resta...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Conditional	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Class A: direct sales only, ~\$86,206 annual cap, registration with Tulare County Environmental Health. Class B: direct and indirect sales, ...	California two-class system: Class A (direct sales only, ~\$86,206 cap, 2025 CPI-adjusted) requires county registration and food safety trai...	Must be operator's primary residence. Kern County Environmental Health Department administers CFO permits. Class A (direct sales only, up t...
FOOD STORAGE	Approved non-potentially hazardous food storage in home kitchen only	Only state-approved non-PHF foods. Products must be in compliant packaging.	Standard food storage per state Approved Foods List requirements
POPULATION	473,446	152,515	906,883

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

Tulare County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/california/tulare-county