

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

What you need

Tuolumne 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/tuolumne-county>

Tuolumne County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/california/tuolumne-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. Tuolumne County Ordinance 200 (Title 17, §17.52.240) requires registration or permit from Environmental Health Division before operation. County zoning explicitly states cottage food operations are NOT considered home occupations. Class A: registration + self-certification. Class B: food facility permit required. If within City of Sonora, separate city business license required. Contact Tuolumne County Environmental Health: 48 Yaney Avenue, Sonora CA 95370, (209) 533-5633. Do not start operations until receiving approval.

Planning: <https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov>

Health

Conditional. Class A: no routine inspection (complaint-based). Class B: routine inspections by Tuolumne County Environmental Health Division. Consumer complaint may trigger inspection for either class.

Health: <https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/172/Environmental-Health>

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Class A: direct sales only (home, farmers markets, events, online within CA). Class B: direct and indirect (retail stores) within CA. No interstate sales. All sales must remain within California.

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.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/172/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.

SOURCES

<https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/172/Environmental-Health>

<https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov>

<https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov>

<https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4740/Cottage-Foods-Registration-Form>

https://tuolumneco.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?clip_id=578&meta_id=5848&view_id=5

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/Pages/FDBPrograms/FoodSafetyProgram/CFORequirements.aspx>

Tuolumne County and nearby places

Regulation	Tuolumne County	Calaveras County	Mariposa County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	True	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	False	False
PETS ALLOWED	No specific county rule; standard sanitation applies.	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	Conditional	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	Yes	True	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	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	Class A: direct sales only (home, farmers markets, events, online within CA). Class B: direct and indirect (retail stores) within CA. No in...	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	Yes	True	True
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	County unincorporated areas generally do not require a county business license; confirm with Calaveras County	County unincorporated areas generally do not require a county business license; confirm with Mariposa County
RESTRICTIONS	Class A (direct sales only, up to \$75,000/yr): registration with Tuolumne County Environmental Health Division, self-certification checklis...	—	—
FOOD STORAGE	Only non-potentially hazardous foods from CDPH approved list. No refrigeration required.	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	54,993	45,674	17,130

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

Tuolumne County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/california/tuolumne-county