

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Chatham County, Georgia?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-05.

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
No	Varies	Varies	—

GEORGIA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Georgia permits PDF](#)

[Georgia cottage food law page](#)

[Georgia Department of Agriculture cottage food program](#)

[Statute: O.C.G.A. §26-2-470 et seq. \(eff. July 2025\); prior: GA R&R 40-7-19](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Chatham County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Chatham County, Georgia. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Varies

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

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

Georgia no longer sells a state cottage-food license. HB 398 (effective July 1, 2025) removed the Georgia Department of Agriculture cottage-food license and fee. What may still apply is city or county occupational tax and zoning. This packet keeps the GDA program page so you can read the current state rules.

Official source: [Georgia Department of Agriculture cottage food](#)

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<https://crosodo.com/states/georgia/chatham-county>

Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

Georgia registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. As of July 1, 2025 (HB 398), Georgia allows wholesale, online, retail store, restaurant, and mail-order sales; third-party sellers must display cottage food products separately and label the section as products from residential kitchens exempt from state inspection.

Georgia permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/georgia.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/georgia

Georgia Department of Agriculture: <https://agr.georgia.gov/cottage-food-program>

Statute: [O.C.G.A. §26-2-470 et seq. \(eff. July 2025\)](#); prior: [GA R&R 40-7-19](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. GA does not preempt local zoning. Chatham County and City of Savannah may have home occupation permit requirements. Operator should verify with local planning

Health

Upon-complaint. GA Dept of Agriculture complaint-based

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct and indirect sales; farmers markets, events, retail, online permitted

If you rent a commissary kitchen

A commissary is a food-service permit, not occupational tax. Georgia no longer sells a GDA cottage license (HB 398). A rented kitchen is still a food-service establishment permitted by the county health department or the Department of Public Health. Occupational tax is not that permit.

Official source: [Georgia DPH food service](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.chathamcountyga.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://www.chathamcountyga.gov>

<https://agr.georgia.gov/cottage-food-program>

Chatham County and nearby places

Regulation	Chatham County	Effingham County	Liberty County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies	No specific prohibition under new law; good manufacturing practice applies	No specific prohibition under new law; good manufacturing practice applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales; farmers markets, events, retail, online permitted	Direct and indirect sales allowed; wholesale, retail, online, restaurant sales permitted since July 2025. Interstate sales also allowed.	Direct and indirect sales allowed; wholesale, retail, online, restaurant sales all permitted since July 2025. Interstate sales also allowed...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Food handler certificate required; non-TCS foods; no state license required; labeling required; expanded product list effective July 2025	Since July 2025 (HB 398), Georgia allows almost any non-PHF food. No license or fee required. Complaint-based inspections only. Food handle...	Since July 2025 (HB 398), Georgia allows almost any non-PHF food. No license or fee required. Complaint-based inspections only. Food handle...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods; proper storage required	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods; proper storage required
POPULATION	296,266	65,314	65,550

More pages for this place

These Crosodo pages cover the same home cottage-food path:

Georgia permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/georgia.pdf

Georgia cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/georgia

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