

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Kootenai County, Idaho?

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	Yes	Yes	—

IDAHO RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Idaho permits PDF](#)[Idaho cottage food law page](#)[Idaho Department of Health and Welfare cottage food program](#)[Statute: IDAPA 16.02.19 \(Idaho Food Code, cottage food provisions\)](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Kootenai County, Idaho. 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

Yes

LOCAL HEALTH

No

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.

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

Where to file

State

Idaho registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Idaho prohibits wholesale, restaurant, and retail store sales; only direct-to-consumer in-person sales at home, farmers markets, events, online (pickup/delivery), and roadside stands are allowed.

Idaho permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/idaho.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/idaho

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare: <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/services-programs/food-safety/cottage-food-operations>

Statute: [IDAPA 16.02.19](#) (Idaho Food Code, cottage food provisions)

Zoning / home occupation

Yes. Kootenai County requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones (accessory use). Idaho Cottage Food Law (IC §37-306 per some sources) or IDAPA 16.02.19 framework applies. Common conditions: no external signage, no on-site employees, limited customer visits. City of Coeur d'Alene requires a Home Occupation certificate from the City Clerk's Office for any business conducted from a residence for compensation (contact 208-769-2229). County ordinances apply to unincorporated areas.

Health

No. No routine inspections. Panhandle Health District (North Idaho) may investigate upon complaint.

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, online with in-state delivery.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Health districts permit food establishments. Idaho cottage food is a home exemption. A commissary is a food establishment permitted by the local public health district.

Official source: [Idaho food protection](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.kcgov.us>

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.kcgov.us>

<https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/services-programs/food-safety/cottage-food-operations>

<https://www.cdaid.org/1349/departments/municipal/business-licensing/permits-and-licenses/home-occupation>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/kootenai-county-id>

Kootenai County and nearby places

Regulation	Kootenai County	Bonner County	Shoshone County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state restriction; IDHW recommends food handler course but does not require it.	No specific state-level pet restriction for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices recommend excluding pets during production.	No specific state-level pet restriction for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices recommend excluding pets during production.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, online with in-state delivery.	Idaho cottage food allows direct sales to consumers; home pickup is permitted. Delivery to consumers is permitted. No mail order or interne...	Idaho cottage food allows direct sales to consumers; home pickup is permitted. Delivery to consumers is permitted. No mail order or interne...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	No registration, no inspection, no training requirement, no sales cap. Direct sales only; no wholesale, retail stores, or restaurants. Non-...	Must operate from primary residence kitchen. No registration or inspection required at state level. Only non-potentially hazardous foods al...	Must operate from primary residence kitchen. No registration or inspection required at state level. Only non-potentially hazardous foods al...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for non-PHF products.	Products must be stored at producer's primary residence; safe handling guidelines apply.	Products must be stored at producer's primary residence; safe handling guidelines apply.
POPULATION	173,396	46,481	12,526

More pages for this place

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

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