

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Kane County, Illinois?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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ILLINOIS RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Illinois permits PDF](#)[Illinois cottage food law page](#)[Illinois Department of Public Health cottage food program](#)[Statute: 410 ILCS 625/4 \(Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4\)](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Kane County, Illinois. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Conditional

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.

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

Where to file

State

Illinois registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. Illinois prohibits sales to restaurants, retail stores, and wholesale; direct in-state sales are allowed anywhere including home, online, farmers markets, events, and roadside stands; non-perishable items may be shipped within Illinois only.

Illinois permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/illinois.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/illinois

Illinois Department of Public Health: <https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

Statute: [410 ILCS 625/4 \(Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4\)](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Kane County Health Department FAQ confirms cottage food operations may be sold from home as long as local zoning regulations are not inconsistent with state law (per IDPH Cottage Food Guide page 32). Operators must check with local city planning or Kane County zoning for home occupation requirements. Each municipality in Kane County (Geneva, Aurora, Elgin, etc.) has its own zoning code. Kane County Health Department registration is required and is specific to the one home kitchen location.

Health

Upon-complaint. No routine inspection required; Kane County Health Department may inspect upon complaint or safety concern. A home kitchen may be inspected if there is a regulatory concern per Kane County FAQ.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales to consumers only within Illinois. Farmers markets, events, home/online sales. No retail stores, restaurants, or third-party distributors. Currently no registration fee. Product changes require updating registration with Kane County Health Department.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Local health departments license food facilities. Illinois cottage food registers with the local health department. A commissary or restaurant is a retail food establishment, also at that department, on a different permit.

Official source: [IDPH food safety](#)

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

<https://www.kanehealth.com/Pages/Cottage-Food-FAQ.aspx>

https://www.kanehealth.com/Documents/Environmental%20Fees%20Permits%20and%20Ordinances/2023%20Cottage%20Food%20Registration%20and%20and%20Home%20Self-Cert%20Checklist%20Updated%2005_25_23.pdf

Kane County and nearby places

Regulation	Kane County	McHenry County	Kendall County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state cottage food pet restriction in 410 ILCS 625/4; general sanitation standards	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies	Not specifically prohibited; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales to consumers only within Illinois. Farmers markets, events, home/online sales. No retail stores, restaurants, or third-party d...	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, home sales, online with direct delivery permitted; no retail/ wholesale	Direct sales statewide. Online sales allowed for non-perishable items shipped within Illinois only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must use primary residence kitchen on farm property or in home. Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) certification required for all per...	Non-TCS foods (prohibited list approach); ANAB-accredited food handler cert required; direct to consumer only; no retail sales to restauran...	Must register with local health department (Kendall County Health Department) up to \$50/year. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage; products must be stored in primary residence	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions	Shelf-stable non-perishable products required for shipped items. Many categories allowed for direct in-state sales. Stored in sealed food-s...
POPULATION	517,254	311,133	132,795

More pages for this place

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