

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
Yes	Conditional	Varies	—

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 Kankakee County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Kankakee 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. Kankakee and other municipalities in Kankakee County may have home occupation or home business zoning requirements. No specific Kankakee County cottage food ordinance identified.

Health

Upon-complaint. Complaint-triggered inspections. State preempts most local inspection requirements. Local health department (Kankakee County Health Department) administers registration.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct in-state sales permitted. Online sales allowed for non-perishable items within Illinois only. Home pickup, farmers markets, events all permitted.

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.kankakeecounty.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.kankakeecounty.gov>

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

Kankakee County and nearby places

Regulation	Kankakee County	Grundy County	Livingston County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state pet restriction for cottage food kitchens, but standard sanitation practices apply.	No specific IL state or Grundy County rule.	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct in-state sales permitted. Online sales allowed for non-perishable items within Illinois only. Home pickup, farmers markets, events a...	Direct sales only within Illinois. Online sales and in-state shipping allowed for non-perishable items.	Direct sales to consumers only (in person, at farmers markets, online orders). In-state shipping of non-perishable items permitted within I...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Conditional	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Illinois uses a 'prohibited list' approach allowing nearly everything not explicitly prohibited. Must register with local health department...	Prohibited-list approach: most foods permitted. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager ce...	Must register with local health department (Livingston County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year....
FOOD STORAGE	Non-prohibited foods only. Meat/poultry/fish/seafood, custard/cream pies with hazardous fillings, garlic in oil (unless acidified), low-aci...	Non-perishable items shipped within IL. Acidified and fermented foods require special documentation.	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have addit...
POPULATION	107,421	52,624	35,771

More pages for this place

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

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Illinois cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/illinois

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