

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

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BUSINESS LICENSE

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

What you need

Mercer 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

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LOCAL HEALTH

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BUSINESS LICENSE

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PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

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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

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Health

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Business license

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Pickup / delivery

Ask Planning before you advertise pickup at the house.

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.mercercounty.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.mercercounty.gov>

Mercer County and nearby places

Regulation	Mercer County	Warren County	Henderson County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—	—	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—	—	No
PETS ALLOWED	—	—	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	—	—	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—	—	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—	—	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	—	—	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	—	—	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—	—	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	—	—	Must register with local health department (Henderson County Health Department or adjacent county health dept if none) for up to \$50/year. ...
FOOD STORAGE	—	—	Proper storage of shelf-stable and non-TCS foods; acidified foods require pH documentation and food safety plan; fermented foods have addit...
POPULATION	15,692	16,760	6,374

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