

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Rock Island County, Illinois?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

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

What you need

Rock Island 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

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.

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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

Varies. Rock Island County zoning ordinance may require a home occupation permit in unincorporated areas. Cities within the county (Rock Island, Moline, East Moline) have their own home occupation rules. Registration with the Rock Island County Health Department is required under state law.

Health

Upon-complaint. Local health department (Rock Island County Health Department) may inspect upon complaint. No routine pre-operational inspection required for state registration, but local health departments may impose additional requirements per §410 ILCS 625/4(d).

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales permitted statewide. Online sales allowed for non-perishable items shipping within Illinois only; out-of-state shipping prohibited.

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](#)

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

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

Rock Island County and nearby places

Regulation	Rock Island County	Whiteside County	Henry County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specifically prohibited by state law, but kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions per good manufacturing practices during production.	No specific IL state or Whiteside County rule; standard sanitation applies.	Not specified in state cottage food law.
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 permitted statewide. Online sales allowed for non-perishable items shipping within Illinois only; out-of-state shipping prohib...	Direct sales only within Illinois. Online sales allowed; non-perishable items can be shipped within IL. Out-of-state shipping prohibited.	Direct-to-consumer sales within Illinois. Non-perishable items may be shipped within Illinois only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Conditional	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must register with the local health department (Rock Island County Health Department) up to \$50/year. Food Safety Manager certification (CF...	Prohibited-list approach: almost anything not explicitly prohibited is allowed. Permitted items include most baked goods, candies, condimen...	Products must be direct-to-consumer sales within Illinois. Prohibited list approach — most non-TCS foods allowed. Food Safety Manager (CFPM...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-perishable products must be stored in sealed, food-safe containers. Perishable items may be allowed for direct in-state sa...	Non-perishable items can be shipped within IL. Perishable items must be sold direct in-person. Acidified and fermented foods have special d...	Products must be non-TCS for direct sales.
POPULATION	143,819	55,569	49,157

More pages for this place

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

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