

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Will 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 Will County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Will 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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Illinois permits PDF →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/illinois.pdf>

Illinois cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/illinois>

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/illinois/will-county>

Will County cottage food law page →

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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. Will County is a mix of incorporated cities (Joliet, Bolingbrook, Romeoville, Naperville portion, Plainfield, etc.) and unincorporated areas. Contact the relevant municipality's planning/zoning department for home occupation permit. Will County Land Use Department governs unincorporated areas.

Planning: <https://www.willcountyillinois.com/departments/planning>

Health

Upon-complaint. Will County Health Department may inspect upon complaint. No routine inspections.

Health: <https://www.willcountyhealth.org>

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer statewide. Online sales for non-perishables within Illinois only. No out-of-state shipping. No wholesale.

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.willcountyhealth.org>

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.willcountyhealth.org>

<https://www.willcountyillinois.com/departments/planning>

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

Will County and nearby places

Regulation	Will County	DuPage County	Kendall County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	State baseline applies	State baseline 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-to-consumer statewide. Online sales for non-perishables within Illinois only. No out-of-state shipping. No wholesale.	Direct-to-consumer sales statewide (not just farmers markets since 2022 amendment). Online sales allowed for non-perishable items within Il...	Direct sales statewide. Online sales allowed for non-perishable items shipped within Illinois only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies. Registration with Will County Health Department required (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-...	Home kitchen allowed under state cottage food law. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager...	Must register with local health department (Kendall County Health Department) up to \$50/year. Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage; perishables sold directly but not shipped	Standard food storage practices; perishable items may be sold directly but not shipped	Shelf-stable non-perishable products required for shipped items. Many categories allowed for direct in-state sales. Stored in sealed food-s...
POPULATION	696,774	930,559	132,795

More pages for this place

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

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

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