

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Allen County, Indiana?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

SALES CAP

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INDIANA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Indiana permits PDF](#)[Indiana cottage food law page](#)[Indiana State Department of Health cottage food program](#)[Statute: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Allen County, Indiana. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Yes

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Conditional

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

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[Indiana permits PDF →](#)

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

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

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<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/indiana/allen-county>

[Allen County cottage food law page →](#)

<https://crosodo.com/states/indiana/allen-county>

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

Where to file

State

Indiana registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. Sales to restaurants, retail stores, and wholesale are prohibited; producers may sell at events, farmers markets, home, online, and roadside stands only.

Indiana permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/indiana.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/indiana

Indiana State Department of Health: [https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-\(cottage-foods\)/](https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-(cottage-foods)/)

Statute: [Ind. Code §16-42-5.2](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Yes. Fort Wayne zoning code requires a home occupation zoning permit for home-based businesses. Business must be secondary to residential use; no on-site employees; no external evidence of business activity; limited customer visits. Food sales from home specifically noted as allowed under Indiana Home-Based Vendor Law (IC §16-42-5.2). Allen County Health Dept: 260-449-7561.

Health

Upon-complaint. Indiana 2022 HEA 1149 preempts local governments from adding licensing or inspection requirements. Allen County Health Department may investigate upon complaint.

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Direct to consumer only. Sales from home, events, farmers markets. No wholesale, catering, or interstate sales.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Local health departments license retail food. Indiana home-based vendor rules do not replace a retail food establishment permit. A commissary is licensed by the local health department.

Official source: [ISDH food protection](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.allencounty.us>

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.allencounty.us>

[https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-\(cottage-foods\)/](https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-(cottage-foods)/)

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/fort-wayne-in>

<https://www.cityoffortwayne.in.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1381/Starting-a-Business-Resource-Guide---Permits-Licenses-and-Taxes-PDF>

Allen County and nearby places

Regulation	Allen County	Noble County	DeKalb County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Yes	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	—
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.	Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.	—
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	—
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Conditional	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct to consumer only. Sales from home, events, farmers markets. No wholesale, catering, or interstate sales.	Products may be sold in-person, by telephone, or via the internet, and delivered to the end consumer in person, by mail, or by third-party ...	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Conditional	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	—
RESTRICTIONS	Indiana Home-Based Vendor law (Ind. Code §16-42-5.2/5.3) allows non-PHF foods from home kitchen with no registration or permit at state lev...	Must prepare food in the individual's primary residential home kitchen (or permanent structure on the same property). Only non-TCS (non-tim...	—
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products. No oxygen-sealed containers for fermented products.	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.	—
POPULATION	385,456	47,744	43,312

More pages for this place

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

Indiana permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/indiana.pdf

Indiana cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/indiana

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