

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
No	Conditional	Varies	—

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

What you need

Marion 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

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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Marion 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

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

Conditional. Sales locations must meet Marion County zoning and right-of-way laws. State law (IC 16-42-5.3) preempts local licensing and permit requirements for the food production itself, but zoning compliance is required. Contact Marion County Planning for home-based business requirements. Indianapolis/Marion County is a consolidated city-county government (Unigov).

Health

Upon-complaint. Complaint or suspected foodborne illness. Marion County Public Health Department may investigate. State Department of Health may act if immediate and serious threat.

Health: <https://marionhealth.org>

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales allowed in person, by phone, or via internet. Delivery by operator, mail, or third-party carrier permitted within Indiana only. No out-of-state 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://marionhealth.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://marionhealth.org>

<https://www.indy.gov>

<https://marionhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/2023hbv-2.pdf>

<https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Home-Based-Vendors-FAQ-FINAL.pdf>

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Marion County and nearby places

Regulation	Marion County	Hamilton County	Hendricks County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Animals must be excluded from food preparation areas during production	Good sanitation practices required; no specific state pet rule but kitchen cleanliness standards apply	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
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 sales allowed in person, by phone, or via internet. Delivery by operator, mail, or third-party carrier permitted within ...	In-person, telephone, internet sales allowed; delivery in-person, by mail, or third-party carrier within Indiana only; not for resale	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, online with in-state delivery. No sales cap.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must be vendor's primary residence. Products must be non-potentially hazardous. All locations of sale must meet Marion County zoning and ri...	Food prepared at producer's primary residence only; non-TCS foods only; ANAB-accredited food handler certificate required; label must state...	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Direct sales only; no wholesale or interstate sales. Food handler certification (ANSI-accredited) req...
FOOD STORAGE	Food must be stored safely; products must be in sealed tamper-evident packaging	Stored in sanitary conditions at residence	Shelf-stable storage for non-PHF products.
POPULATION	971,737	349,527	175,639

More pages for this place

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

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