

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Rush County, Indiana?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-06.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**No**

HOME OCCUPATION

**Conditional**

BUSINESS LICENSE

**Varies**

SALES CAP

**—**

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

## What you need

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**No**

ANNUAL SALES CAP

**—**

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.

### CONTINUE ONLINE

**Indiana permits PDF →**

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

**Indiana cottage food law page →**

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

**Permit page for this place →**

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**Rush 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](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/indiana.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/indiana](https://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. State law (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring licensure, certification, or inspection of home-based vendor (HBV) food operations. However, local zoning ordinances for home-based businesses may still apply. Rush County zoning should be verified directly with the county for any home occupation requirements unrelated to food safety.

### Health

Upon-complaint. State statute (IC 16-42-5.3 Sec. 12) expressly prohibits local governments from requiring inspection; state department of health may investigate upon complaint or foodborne illness report.

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

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 carrier. All sales and shipments must remain within Indiana. No sales to warehouses, retail food establishments, or wholesalers; all sales must be direct-to-consumer.

### 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.rushcounty.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.

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## SOURCES

<https://www.rushcounty.gov>

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

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<https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/files/Indiana-Home-Based-Vendor-Handbook-2.pdf>

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## Rush County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Rush County                                                                                                                                    | Franklin County | Fayette County |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | —               | —              |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | —               | —              |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Not specified in state statute; proper sanitary procedures and good hygienic practices required.                                               | —               | —              |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 | —               | —              |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | —               | —              |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | —               | —              |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | 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     | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | —               | —              |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | —               | —              |
| RESTRICTIONS               | 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               | Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.                                                    | —               | —              |
| POPULATION                 | 16,581                                                                                                                                         | 22,850          | 23,391         |

## 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](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/indiana.pdf)

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