

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

What you need

Tippecanoe 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

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

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. Tippecanoe County requires a home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. Business registration also required. Indiana 2022 HEA 1149 expressly preempts local governments from adding licensing or inspection requirements for home-based vendors. However, home occupation zoning permits are distinct from food licensing. County sections 5-5-1 through 5-5-4 of the Tippecanoe County Unified Zoning Ordinance govern home occupations. West Lafayette is noted as allowing home-based vendor sales at farmers markets; other cities have separate rules.

Health

Upon-complaint. State law preempts local inspection requirements. ISDH may inspect upon consumer complaint.

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales from home, farmers markets, online, and other direct venues. No cap on annual 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.tippecanoe.in.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.

SOURCES

<https://www.tippecanoe.in.gov>

[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://tippecanoe.in.gov/faq.aspx>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/tippecanoe-county-in>

Tippecanoe County and nearby places

Regulation	Tippecanoe County	Montgomery County	Clinton County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	—
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing 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	Yes	Yes	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, online, and other direct venues. No cap on annual 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	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Direct sales to end consumer only; no wholesale or interstate sales. Food handler certification (ANSI...	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	Shelf-stable storage for non-PHF products; perishables not permitted.	Must use proper sanitary procedures; containers and packaging must be sanitized before use.	—
POPULATION	186,955	38,338	33,020

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

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