

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Franklin County, Maine?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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MAINE RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Maine permits PDF](#)[Maine cottage food law page](#)[Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry cottage food program](#)[Statute: 7 M.R.S.A. §282 \(Food Sovereignty Act\)](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Franklin County, Maine. 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

Varies

LOCAL HEALTH

Yes

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

Maine permits PDF →

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

Maine cottage food law page →

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

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/maine/franklin-county>

Franklin County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/maine/franklin-county>

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

Where to file

State

Maine registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Yes. Under the statewide Home Food Processor License, producers may sell at any venue including restaurants, retail stores, farmers markets, and online, with no sales limit; indirect wholesale and retail channels are allowed once licensed and kitchen-inspected.

Maine permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/maine.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/maine

Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry: https://www.maine.gov/dacf/qar/inspection/home_food_processor.shtml

Statute: [7 M.R.S.A. §282 \(Food Sovereignty Act\)](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. Franklin County municipalities vary in whether they have adopted food sovereignty ordinances (localfoodrules.org confirms Franklin County is listed among counties with food sovereign communities). Individual towns within Franklin County administer their own zoning; consult each town for home occupation permit requirements.

Health

Yes. Kitchen inspection required by ME DACF Division of Quality Assurance and Regulations for statewide Home Food Processor License. Local food sovereignty ordinances may not require inspection.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Under statewide license: direct and indirect sales allowed. Under food sovereignty ordinances: direct producer-to-consumer sales allowed, including most food types. Sellers at farmers markets also need a Mobile Food Vendor license.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Health inspection licenses eating and lodging. Maine cottage food is separate from an eating-place license. A commissary is typically licensed as an eating place or food establishment by Health Inspection.

Official source: [Maine eating and lodging](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.franklincounty.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.franklincounty.gov>

https://www.maine.gov/dacf/qar/inspection/home_food_processor.shtml

<https://www.localfoodrules.org/food-sovereignty-by-county/>

Franklin County and nearby places

Regulation	Franklin County	Somerset County	Oxford County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Under statewide license: 'uncontrolled children' prohibited during production; animals typically excluded from production areas.	Under statewide license: 'uncontrolled children' prohibited in kitchen during production. Pets not explicitly mentioned in state rules.	Under the statewide license, 'uncontrolled children' are prohibited in the kitchen during production; pets likely subject to similar restri...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Under statewide license: direct and indirect sales allowed. Under food sovereignty ordinances: direct producer-to-consumer sales allowed, i...	Under statewide license: sales at farmers markets require additional Mobile Food Vendor license. Under Food Sovereignty Ordinances: direct ...	Under statewide license: farmers markets, home sales, events. Under Food Sovereignty Act: direct-to-consumer including home sales, farmers ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Two pathways: (1) Statewide Home Food Processor License from ME DACF — requires kitchen inspection, well/septic testing if applicable, most...	Two pathways: (1) Statewide Home Food Processor License: requires DACF kitchen inspection, most non-TCS shelf-stable foods allowed; acidifi...	Maine has two pathways: (1) Statewide Home Food Processor License — requires license, kitchen inspection by DACF, and well/septic testing i...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable foods required under statewide license. Acidified foods and low-sugar jams may require University of Maine lab approval. Local...	Shelf-stable products under statewide license; broader foods may be permitted under Food Sovereignty Ordinances in participating municipali...	Shelf-stable, non-TCS products required under statewide license; Food Sovereignty Act pathway has fewer restrictions.
POPULATION	29,839	50,656	58,276

More pages for this place

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

Maine permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/maine.pdf

Maine cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/maine

Franklin County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/maine/franklin-county