

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

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

What you need

Oxford 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

Conditional

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/oxford-county>

Oxford County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/maine/oxford-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. Oxford County municipalities vary. Under the Food Sovereignty Act pathway, municipalities with adopted ordinances allow direct producer-to-consumer sales. Operators should check with their specific town in Oxford County.

Health

Yes. Initial kitchen inspection required for the statewide Home Food Processor License by DACF Division of Quality Assurance and Regulations. Complaint-based inspection possible.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Under statewide license: farmers markets, home sales, events. Under Food Sovereignty Act: direct-to-consumer including home sales, farmers markets, and other venues. Farmers market sellers also need a Mobile Food Vendor license under the statewide pathway.

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.oxfordcounty.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.oxfordcounty.gov>

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

<https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/7/title7sec282.html>

Oxford County and nearby places

Regulation	Oxford County	Franklin County	Androscoggin County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Under the statewide license, 'uncontrolled children' are prohibited in the kitchen during production; pets likely subject to similar restri...	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 prohibited per GMP standards during producti...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Under statewide license: farmers markets, home sales, events. Under Food Sovereignty Act: direct-to-consumer including home sales, farmers ...	Under statewide license: direct and indirect sales allowed. Under food sovereignty ordinances: direct producer-to-consumer sales allowed, i...	Maine allows direct sales under statewide license. Farmers market sales also require a Mobile Food Vendor license. Food Sovereignty Ordinan...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Maine has two pathways: (1) Statewide Home Food Processor License — requires license, kitchen inspection by DACF, and well/septic testing i...	Two pathways: (1) Statewide Home Food Processor License from ME DCF — requires kitchen inspection, well/septic testing if applicable, most...	Maine has two pathways: (1) Statewide Home Food Processor License (requires kitchen inspection by DCF); (2) Local Food Sovereignty Ordinan...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, non-TCS products required under statewide license; Food Sovereignty Act pathway has fewer restrictions.	Shelf-stable foods required under statewide license. Acidified foods and low-sugar jams may require University of Maine lab approval. Local...	Shelf-stable non-TCS products for statewide license. Acidified foods and low-acid pressure-canned foods require prior University of Maine a...
POPULATION	58,276	29,839	111,532

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

Oxford County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/maine/oxford-county