

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Garrett County, Maryland?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Depends**

HOME OCCUPATION

**Varies**

BUSINESS LICENSE

**Varies**

SALES CAP

**\$50,000 / year**

MARYLAND RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Maryland permits PDF](#)[Maryland cottage food law page](#)[Maryland Department of Health cottage food program](#)[Statute: MD COMAR 10.15.03.27](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

## What you need

Garrett County, Maryland. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Depends**

ANNUAL SALES CAP

**\$50,000 / year**

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

**Varies**

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

**Maryland permits PDF →**

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

**Maryland cottage food law page →**

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

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

## Where to file

### State

Maryland registration: Depends. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. Sales at retail food stores (indirect) are allowed but require prior submission of labels and documentation of ANSI-accredited food safety course completion to the Maryland Department of Health before any retail sales can commence. The Department must notify the producer in writing that requirements are met before retail sales begin.

Maryland permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/maryland.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/maryland.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/maryland](https://crosodo.com/states/maryland)

Maryland Department of Health: <https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OEHFP/OFPCHS/Pages/Cottage-Food.aspx>

Statute: [MD COMAR 10.15.03.27](#)

### Zoning / home occupation

Varies. Garrett County (western Maryland mountains) requires compliance with all applicable county and municipal laws per Md. Code Health-Gen. §21-330.1(e). Contact Garrett County planning for home occupation requirements. The county is rural and mountainous; many operations may be on farm properties eligible for on-farm home processing license for additional products. No county-specific cottage food ordinance identified beyond state mandate.

### Health

Upon-complaint. No routine pre-operational inspection required for standard direct-to-consumer sales. MDH may inspect upon complaint. Retail store sales require MDH plan review and written approval.

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales permitted. Retail store sales require prior MDH approval. Farmers operating on agriculturally zoned land may be eligible for an on-farm home processing license for products not allowed under standard cottage food.

### If you rent a commissary kitchen

**MDH and local health license food facilities.** Maryland cottage food is not a food-service facility license. A commissary is a food service facility licensed by the local health department.

Official source: [MDH food protection](#)

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

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<https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OEHFP/OFPCS/pages/cottagefoods.aspx>

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[https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OEHFP/OFPCS/Documents/Updated\\_CF\\_Guidelines\\_2025.pdf](https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OEHFP/OFPCS/Documents/Updated_CF_Guidelines_2025.pdf)

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## Garrett County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Garrett County                                                                                                                                  | Allegany County                                                                                                                                 | Washington County                                                                                                                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Local health department standards apply; typically animals must be excluded from food prep areas.                                               | No pets in kitchen during production (standard health code practice)                                                                            | No specific state restriction on pets in home for standard cottage food sales.                                                                  |
| 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 permitted. Retail store sales require prior MDH approval. Farmers operating on agriculturally zoned land may be el...  | Limited indirect sales at markets and events; direct delivery permitted                                                                         | Sales at farmers markets, from home, at events, at roadside stands, and to retail stores. Online sales and mail-order available for direct ...  |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Annual gross sales capped at \$50,000. Must produce in residential kitchen in Maryland. Must comply with all applicable county and municipal... | Annual sales cap \$50,000. Food handler certification recommended but not strictly required. Inspection upon complaint only. Registration re... | Maryland allows cottage food from residential kitchens. Annual sales cap \$50,000 (per COMAR 10.15.03.02B(17-1)). Registration optional (fre... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Products must be stored on premises of the cottage food business. Shelf-stable non-potentially hazardous foods only.                            | Non-PHF shelf-stable products; appropriate storage required                                                                                     | Non-PHF foods only. No pickles, salsas, acidified foods, pickled products, or fermented foods unless via separate On-Farm Home Processing L...  |
| POPULATION                 | 28,856                                                                                                                                          | 68,161                                                                                                                                          | 154,645                                                                                                                                         |

## More pages for this place

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

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