

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Worcester County, Maryland?

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

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

What you need

Worcester 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.

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Maryland permits PDF →

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

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Permit page for this place →

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Worcester County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/maryland/worcester-county>

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

State law page: 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. Worcester County includes Ocean City (major beach resort). Ocean City area may have business licensing requirements. No specific Worcester County cottage food ordinance identified. Contact Worcester County government in Snow Hill. Separate On-Farm Home Processing License available for farmers to sell pickles, dried fruit, hot sauces up to \$40,000.

Health

Upon-complaint. Maryland Dept. of Health may inspect on complaint. No routine inspections under complaint-based framework.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct and limited indirect sales. Retail store sales require food handler certification and free registration. Online and direct-to-consumer delivery permitted.

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.worcestercounty.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.worcestercounty.gov>

<https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OEHFP/OFPCS/Pages/Cottage-Food.aspx>

<https://regs.maryland.gov/us/md/exec/comar/10.15.03.27>

Worcester County and nearby places

Regulation	Worcester County	Somerset County	Wicomico County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific MD state or Worcester County restriction.	Local health department standards apply; typically animals must be excluded from food prep areas.	No specific state pet restriction, but standard sanitation applies.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and limited indirect sales. Retail store sales require food handler certification and free registration. Online and direct-to-consum...	Direct-to-consumer sales permitted. Retail store sales require prior MDH approval.	Direct-to-consumer and some indirect sales permitted. Retail store sales require free optional registration and food handler cert. Online s...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods from residential kitchen. Annual cap \$50,000. Complaint-based inspections. No routine inspection. Food hand...	Annual gross sales capped at \$50,000. Must produce in residential kitchen in Maryland. Must comply with all applicable county and municipal...	Maryland residential kitchen permit allows non-PHF baked goods, non-PHF candy, acid-fruit jellies/jams/preserves/butters, dry goods (spice ...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable products. Prohibited: items requiring refrigeration, acidified foods (pickles, salsa, ketchup, BBQ sauce), fermented f...	Products must be stored on premises of the cottage food business. Shelf-stable non-potentially hazardous foods only.	Non-PHF foods only. Prohibited: refrigerated baked goods, low-acid canned foods, acidified foods/pickled products (pickles, salsa, pepper j...
POPULATION	52,827	24,672	103,815

More pages for this place

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

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