

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Bristol County, Massachusetts?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies by city

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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MASSACHUSETTS RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Massachusetts permits PDF](#)

[Massachusetts cottage food law page](#)

[Massachusetts Department of Public Health cottage food program](#)

[Statute: 105 CMR 590.009\(D\)](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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

What you need

Bristol County, Massachusetts. 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 by city

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.

HOW THIS PLACE WORKS

This is a city or town permit, not a county one. Massachusetts abolished county government in most of the state. A residential kitchen permit is issued by the city or town Board of Health (for example Cambridge, Lowell, or Newton), not by the county. This packet still includes the state cottage-food pages. Call the Board of Health for the city or town on your address.

Official source: [Mass.gov residential kitchen permit](https://www.mass.gov/residential-kitchen-permit)

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Massachusetts permits PDF →

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

Massachusetts cottage food law page →

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

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/massachusetts/bristol-county>

Bristol County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/massachusetts/bristol-county>

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

Where to file

State

Massachusetts registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Yes. Massachusetts residential kitchens are treated as food establishments, so permitted operators may sell at any venue within the state including restaurants and retail stores, without the wholesale restriction that most cottage food laws impose. Mail order and catering are prohibited. Local boards of health administer permits and may impose additional restrictions.

Massachusetts permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/massachusetts.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/massachusetts

Massachusetts Department of Public Health: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/residential-kitchen-permit-information>

Statute: [105 CMR 590.009\(D\)](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Varies by city. Massachusetts has no unified county government for Bristol County. Each municipality (Taunton, Fall River, New Bedford, Attleboro, etc.) has its own local board of health that issues residential kitchen permits and its own zoning bylaws. Home occupation permit requirements vary by municipality. Massachusetts cottage food operates via local permitting not state registration.

Health

Yes. Inspection required before permit issued by local board of health. Ongoing inspections possible.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Sales directly to consumers, at farmers markets (with additional permit from local board of health), online sales within and outside Massachusetts. No annual sales cap. Retail sales to stores permitted in some cases.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

A residential kitchen permit is not a food-establishment commissary. Massachusetts residential kitchens are treated as food establishments by the city or town Board of Health. A rented commissary is a different food establishment at that board, not a home kitchen.

Official source: [Mass.gov retail food](https://www.mass.gov/retail-food)

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

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/residential-kitchen-permit-information>

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/massachusetts/>

Bristol County and nearby places

Regulation	Bristol County	Plymouth County	Norfolk County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state cottage food pet restriction, but kitchen must pass health inspection for sanitation	No specific state cottage food pet restriction, but kitchen must pass health inspection for sanitation	Pets typically excluded from food preparation areas
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales directly to consumers, at farmers markets (with additional permit from local board of health), online sales within and outside Massac...	Sales directly to consumers, farmers markets (additional permit from local board of health), online sales within and outside Massachusetts....	Sales from home, events, farmers markets, and retail stores permitted. Mail order prohibited. Catering prohibited.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies by city	Varies by city	Varies by city
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Residential kitchen permit required from local board of health. Kitchen inspection required before operation. Only non-TCS foods allowed. P...	Residential kitchen permit required from local board of health. Kitchen inspection required before operation. Only non-TCS foods allowed. P...	Each of Norfolk County's 28 municipalities administers its own Board of Health residential kitchen permit. Kitchen inspection required. No ...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-TCS foods	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-TCS foods	Standard food storage per residential kitchen permit
POPULATION	576,699	529,548	722,112

More pages for this place

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

Massachusetts permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/massachusetts.pdf

Massachusetts cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/massachusetts

Bristol County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/massachusetts/bristol-county