

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Genesee County, Michigan?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
No	Conditional	Varies	\$50,000 / year

MICHIGAN RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Michigan permits PDF](#)

[Michigan cottage food law page](#)

[Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development cottage food program](#)

[Statute: MCL §289.4102](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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

What you need

Genesee County, Michigan. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

\$50,000 / year

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Conditional

LOCAL HEALTH

No

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

Where to file

State

Michigan registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Sales through retail stores, restaurants, or wholesale are prohibited. Online sales, mail order, and third-party delivery platform sales (e.g., DoorDash) are allowed in-state only, but require the producer to offer the customer an opportunity to directly interact (face-to-face or virtually) before purchase. A separate \$75,000 cap applies if all products are priced at \$250 or more per item. Honey and maple syrup have a separate exemption permitting indirect retail sales up to \$15,000/year.

Michigan permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/michigan.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/michigan

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods>

Statute: [MCL §289.4102](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Genesee County municipalities (Flint, Burton, Grand Blanc, Flushing, etc.) have their own zoning ordinances governing home occupations. Operators should verify with local city/township whether home occupation permit required. Genesee County local health department may have additional guidance. gc4me.com.

Health

No. No routine inspection required under Michigan cottage food law.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct to consumer only. No consignment, wholesale, or sales to retail/food establishments. Online sales with face-to-face or virtual interaction permitted per 2025 amendment.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Local health departments license food service. Michigan cottage food is an exemption. A commissary is a food service establishment licensed by the local health department.

Official source: [MDARD foods](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.gc4me.com>

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.gc4me.com>

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods>

Genesee County and nearby places

Regulation	Genesee County	Livingston County	Saginaw County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.	No explicit state-level pet restriction in Michigan cottage food statute. Standard GMP practices apply.	No explicit state pet restriction for cottage food, but good manufacturing practices apply; pets should not be in food prep areas during pr...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct to consumer only. No consignment, wholesale, or sales to retail/food establishments. Online sales with face-to-face or virtual inter...	Michigan cottage food: direct sales from home, at events/markets, and online (2025 amendment added online/mail-order/third-party delivery p...	Direct sales allowed at home, farmers markets, online orders with in-state delivery (virtual interaction required under 2025 amendment).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102) allows non-potentially hazardous foods from home kitchens with annual gross sales cap of \$50,000 ...	Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102, amended 2025 HB 4122) allows non-PHF foods from a home kitchen. Annual sales cap: \$50,000 (double...	Must use residential kitchen. Sales cap \$50,000/year (raised from \$25,000 by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026). Direct sales only; no con...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Specific approved buttercream frosting recipes permitted.	Non-PHF foods only; only two specified buttercream frosting recipes permitted. Standard GMP storage.	Store products in clean, pest-free area separate from non-food items.
POPULATION	405,280	194,302	189,821

More pages for this place

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

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