

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Hennepin County, Minnesota?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies by city

SALES CAP

\$78,000 / year

MINNESOTA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Minnesota permits PDF](#)[Minnesota cottage food law page](#)[Minnesota Department of Agriculture cottage food program](#)[Statute: Minn. Stat. §28A.152](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Hennepin County, Minnesota. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

\$78,000 / year

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Conditional

LOCAL HEALTH

No

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies by city

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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Minnesota permits PDF →

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

Minnesota cottage food law page →

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

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/minnesota/hennepin-county>

Hennepin County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/minnesota/hennepin-county>

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

Where to file

State

Minnesota registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Sales are limited to direct-to-consumer channels: community events, farmers markets, from the producer's home, online (in-state delivery by the producer personally or by mail/commercial delivery), and fundraising donations. Restaurants, retail stores, roadside stands, mail order wholesale, and catering are prohibited. All deliveries must be made by the producer personally unless shipped by mail or commercial delivery upon a prior online sale. Home-canned products in the pH/water-activity exemption category (Subd. 1(a)(2)) may not be sold outside of Minnesota.

Minnesota permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/minnesota.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/minnesota

Minnesota Department of Agriculture: <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food/business/cottage-food-producer-registration>

Statute: [Minn. Stat. §28A.152](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. MDA guidance requires operators to check that their local city, county, or township does not have home sales prohibitions due to zoning. Hennepin County cities (Minneapolis, Bloomington, Plymouth, etc.) have individual home occupation codes. No state-level home occupation permit required for cottage food.

Health

No. No routine inspection. MDA investigates complaints of misbranded or adulterated cottage food products.

Business license

Varies by city

Pickup / delivery

MDA allows sales from home, farmers markets, and community events. Annual sales cap: \$78,000 (as of 2025 amendment, CPI-adjusted). Tier 1 (<\$7,665/year): free registration, basic annual training. Tier 2 (\$7,666-\$78,000): \$50 registration, food safety course every 3 years. Effective August 2027: unified \$30/year registration, in-state shipping allowed.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

MDA licenses food; local health may license food service. Minnesota cottage foods is an exemption. A commissary typically needs an MDA food handler license and/or a local food-service license, depending on the kitchen.

Official source: [MDA food licensing](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.hennepin.us>

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.hennepin.us>

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance>

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/cottagefood>

Hennepin County and nearby places

Regulation	Hennepin County	Ramsey County	Dakota County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	State baseline applies	No specific state cottage food pet restriction	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP	MDA allows sales from home, farmers markets, and community events. Annual sales cap: \$78,000 (as of 2025 amendment, CPI-adjusted). Tier 1 (...)	Direct sales within Minnesota: farmers markets, community events, home sales (if local zoning allows), online within Minnesota. \$78,000 ann...	Direct sales from home (if local ordinance permits), at community events/farmers markets, and online (producer must deliver). Home-canned i...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Minnesota Cottage Food Law requires annual registration with MDA. Hennepin County follows state baseline. Operators must check local zoning...	State registration required (\$50 if sales exceed \$7,665; free otherwise). Accredited food safety training required. \$78,000 annual sales ca...	Minnesota cottage food law (Minn. Stat. §28A.152) allows non-potentially-hazardous foods without a food license, up to \$78,000 gross annual...
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-PHF foods	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Home-canned items must meet pH 4.6 or lower or water activity 0.85 or less.
POPULATION	1,270,787	547,202	439,179

More pages for this place

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

Minnesota permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/minnesota.pdf

Minnesota cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/minnesota

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