

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

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

What you need

Olmsted 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

Varies

LOCAL HEALTH

No

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Conditional

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 →

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Olmsted County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/minnesota/olmsted-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

Varies. Olmsted County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. Rochester (county seat) has its own zoning rules. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.

Health

No. No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement possible by MDA.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Sales at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, direct, online (in-state only), and certain retail channels. Direct sales and limited indirect sales. Home-canned products may not be sold outside Minnesota.

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.olmstedcounty.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.olmstedcounty.gov>

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

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/28A.152>

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Olmsted County and nearby places

Regulation	Olmsted County	Winona County	Goodhue County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.	Not specified in state cottage food law.	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices required.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales at farmers markets, roadside stands, on-farm, direct, online (in-state only), and certain retail channels. Direct sales and limited i...	Direct-to-consumer sales within Minnesota only. No indirect sales or retail. Home-canned goods sold in this category may not be sold outsid...	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, community events, and internet sales permitted. Canned goods may not be sold across state lines.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Minnesota two-tier system: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free Cottage Food Producer Registration Training. Tier 2 (up to \$78,000/yea...	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual sales cap \$78,000 (2025 amendment, CPI-indexed). Tier 1 (~\$7,665/year): free registration trai...	Minnesota cottage food law (Minn. Stat. §28A.152, amended 2025) allows up to \$78,000 annual gross sales of non-potentially hazardous foods ...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only; proper storage to prevent contamination required.	Products must be non-potentially hazardous and not require refrigeration.	Non-potentially hazardous foods only; no refrigeration required.
POPULATION	162,307	49,792	47,697

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

Olmsted County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/minnesota/olmsted-county