

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Washington 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**

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

## What you need

Washington 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**

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

**Yes**

### HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

### CONTINUE ONLINE

**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/washington-county>

**Washington County cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/minnesota/washington-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](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/minnesota.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/minnesota](https://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. Washington County municipalities (Stillwater, Woodbury, etc.) may require home occupation permits under local zoning. Washington County itself does not appear to have county-wide zoning over all municipalities. Producers should check with their specific city or township.

### Health

No. No routine inspection; complaint-based enforcement only

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Sales allowed at home, farmers markets, online (direct delivery only within MN); no interstate sales for home-canned category; Class A CFO model applies for most products

### 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.co.washington.mn.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.co.washington.mn.us>

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

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

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## Washington County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Washington County                                                                                                                                 | Anoka County                                                                                                                                    | Dakota County                                                                                                                                   |
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| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                               | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                                | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Not specified in state statute; kitchen must be sanitary                                                                                          | No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.                                                                            | 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          | Sales allowed at home, farmers markets, online (direct delivery only within MN); no interstate sales for home-canned category; Class A CFO ...    | Direct sales from home (if local ordinance permits), at community events/farmers markets, and online (producer must deliver). Home-canned i...  | 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                                                                                                                                            | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Annual sales cap of \$78,000 (2025, CPI-adjusted). Two tiers: Tier 1 (up to ~\$7,665/year) requires free registration training only; Tier 2 (...) | Minnesota cottage food law (Minn. Stat. §28A.152) allows non-PHF foods without a food license, up to \$78,000 gross annual sales (2025 infla... | 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               | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; no refrigerated finished products                                                                                     | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Home-canned items (pH 4.6 or lower or water activity 0.85 or less) also permitted.                             | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Home-canned items must meet pH 4.6 or lower or water activity 0.85 or less.                                    |
| POPULATION                 | 268,651                                                                                                                                           | 363,985                                                                                                                                         | 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](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/minnesota.pdf)

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