

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Atlantic County, New Jersey?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

\$50,000 / year

NEW JERSEY RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[New Jersey permits PDF](#)[New Jersey cottage food law page](#)[New Jersey Department of Health cottage food program](#)[Statute: N.J.A.C. 8:24-11 et seq.](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Atlantic County, New Jersey. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

\$50,000 / year

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Yes

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint

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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New Jersey permits PDF →

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<https://crosodo.com/states/new-jersey>

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

Where to file

State

New Jersey registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Cottage food products may only be delivered or relinquished at: the operator's home (not for onsite consumption), the consumer's NJ home, a NJ farmers market or other permitted NJ location. Products cannot be sold to wholesale establishments, retail food establishments, or shipped out of state. Online and phone order-taking is allowed as an ancillary activity, but physical delivery must occur in New Jersey person-to-person or at permitted locations. Charitable bake sales remain exempt under separate provisions.

New Jersey permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/new-jersey.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/new-jersey

New Jersey Department of Health: <https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/phfpp/cottage-food-operator/>

Statute: N.J.A.C. 8:24-11 et seq.

Zoning / home occupation

Yes. Applicant must contact local municipal zoning board to confirm cottage food business is permitted in residential zone before NJ DOH will approve. Each municipality has its own zoning ordinance. Atlantic County unincorporated areas allow home occupations with conditions (must be secondary to residential use, no excessive traffic).

Health

Upon-complaint. Complaint or suspected foodborne illness; no routine inspection prior to permit but state reviews application

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales allowed; may sell at NJ farmers markets and events (local health dept approval also required); no wholesale to retail/food establishments

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Local health departments license retail food. New Jersey cottage food is a state permit for home kitchens. A commissary or restaurant is a retail food establishment licensed by the local health department. Wholesale is a separate CEOHS license.

Official source: [NJ local health departments](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.atlantic-county.org>

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.atlantic-county.org>

<https://www.nj.gov/health/cottagefood/rules-resources/faq/>

<https://www.nj.gov/health/cottagefood/apply-renew>

<https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/phfpp/cottage-food-operator/>

Atlantic County and nearby places

Regulation	Atlantic County	Gloucester County	Cumberland County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state rules, but home kitchen must be sanitary	Pets excluded from production area	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas per NJ cottage food permit requirements.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales allowed; may sell at NJ farmers markets and events (local health dept approval also required); no wholesale to ret...	Direct to consumer only; no retail or wholesale; farmers markets and events allowed	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No wholesale to food establishments. No out-of-state sales. NJ residents only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Varies	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must obtain NJ DOH Cottage Food Operator permit (\$100 fee, 2-year validity). Must first obtain local zoning approval confirming home-based ...	Registration with NJ Dept of Health required; \$50,000 annual cap; food handler cert required; direct to consumer only; non-TCS foods only	New Jersey cottage food program is restrictive. Requirements include: (1) local zoning board approval confirming residential use is permitt...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard non-TCS food storage; products must remain shelf-stable	Non-TCS foods stored appropriately	Non-TCS foods only. No wholesale sales. Annual gross sales may not exceed \$50,000.
POPULATION	274,339	302,621	153,588

More pages for this place

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

New Jersey permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/new-jersey.pdf

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