

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Hunterdon 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

Yes

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

What you need

Hunterdon 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

No

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

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>

Permit page for this place →

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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. Local zoning board approval is a required step in the NJ cottage food permit application process. Hunterdon County municipalities (Flemington Borough, municipalities throughout the county) must approve the residential use before the NJ DOH permit can be issued. Hunterdon County is a rural NJ county with many small municipalities.

Health

No. NJ DOH health authority may enter and inspect upon complaint or suspected foodborne illness.

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales only. No wholesale to food establishments or retail food establishments for resale. Sales within New Jersey only.

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.hunterdoncounty.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.hunterdoncounty.gov>

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

https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/documents/phfpp/njac8_24.pdf

Hunterdon County and nearby places

Regulation	Hunterdon County	Warren County	Somerset County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not explicitly prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas during production per standard NJ food safety requirements.	Pets excluded from production area during food preparation
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	Upon-complaint	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only. No wholesale to food establishments or retail food establishments for resale. Sales within New Jersey only.	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No wholesale to food establishments. Online orders and in-state delivery permitted. On-site pickup subject t...	Direct to consumer only; no sales to retailers or restaurants; farmers markets and events allowed
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Yes	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	One of the most burdensome cottage food programs in the US. Requirements: (1) Local zoning board approval confirming residential use is per...	New Jersey requires a Cottage Food Operator Permit from the NJ Department of Health. Only non-TCS foods are permitted. Annual gross sales c...	Registration with NJ Dept of Health required; \$50,000 annual sales cap; food handler certificate required; direct to consumer only (no reta...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only from approved list. Stored in food-safe containers.	All ingredients and finished products must be stored properly to prevent contamination; non-TCS foods only.	Non-TCS foods stored appropriately
POPULATION	129,099	109,739	344,978

More pages for this place

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

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