

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Middlesex 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 Middlesex County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Middlesex 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

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

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 confirming residential use is permitted is required before the state permit application. Middlesex County has 25 municipalities each with their own zoning codes. Contact the applicable municipal zoning board. No county-level override of state framework found.

Health

No. No routine inspection. Health authority may inspect upon complaint.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer only. Online orders allowed but delivery must be in-person (no mail/carrier). Sales at home, farmers markets, events. No wholesale. \$50,000 annual cap.

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.middlesexcountynj.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.middlesexcountynj.gov>

<https://www.nj.gov/health/cottagefood/>

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/new-jersey/>

Middlesex County and nearby places

Regulation	Middlesex County	Monmouth County	Union County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified; standard sanitation applies	No specific state cottage food pet restriction specified	No specific state cottage food pet restriction specified
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer only. Online orders allowed but delivery must be in-person (no mail/carrier). Sales at home, farmers markets, events. No...	Direct sales to consumers only. \$50,000 annual sales cap. Allowed foods are on state-approved list only. Online sales and delivery permitte...	Direct sales to consumers only. \$50,000 annual sales cap. Approved foods list only. Online sales and delivery within NJ. No wholesale.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Yes	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must be operator's private home kitchen. State permit required (\$100, 2-year). Food Protection Manager certification required. Local zoning...	Must produce only non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods on the approved list. Must obtain local zoning board approval as ...	Must produce only non-TCS foods on state-approved list. Local zoning board approval required as prerequisite. \$100 permit fee. Food protect...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage per N.J.A.C. 8:24-11	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; standard kitchen storage	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; standard kitchen storage
POPULATION	860,147	643,064	572,079

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