

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
Yes	Yes	Varies	\$50,000 / year

NEW JERSEY RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

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

What you need

Sussex 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

Conditional

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

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

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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. New Jersey requires local zoning board approval confirming residential use is permitted as part of the cottage food permit application. Sussex County municipalities must provide this approval.

Health

No. Home kitchens not routinely inspected; health authority may enter if there is a complaint or suspected foodborne illness.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales only. No wholesale to food establishments. No out-of-state sales. NJ residents 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.sussexcounty.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.sussexcounty.gov>

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

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

Sussex County and nearby places

Regulation	Sussex County	Warren County	Morris County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas per NJ cottage food permit requirements.	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas during production per standard NJ food safety requirements.	No specific state cottage food pet restriction specified
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	Upon-complaint	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No wholesale to food establishments. No out-of-state sales. NJ residents only.	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No wholesale to food establishments. Online orders and in-state delivery permitted. On-site pickup subject t...	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	New Jersey cottage food program is restrictive. Requirements: (1) local zoning board approval confirming residential use is permitted; (2) ...	New Jersey requires a Cottage Food Operator Permit from the NJ Department of Health. Only non-TCS foods are permitted. Annual gross sales c...	Must produce only non-TCS foods on state-approved list. Local zoning board approval required. \$100 permit fee. Food protection manager cert...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only. No wholesale sales. Annual gross sales may not exceed \$50,000.	All ingredients and finished products must be stored properly to prevent contamination; non-TCS foods only.	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; standard kitchen storage
POPULATION	144,808	109,739	508,816

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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