

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

What you need

Warren 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

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. NJ requires local zoning board approval confirming that operating a cottage food business from the residence is permitted under local zoning before the state permit is issued. Warren County municipalities each have their own zoning ordinances. Warren County does not have a county-level home occupation permit; operators must check with their specific municipality.

Health

Upon-complaint. Health authority may enter and inspect upon complaint or suspected foodborne illness. No routine pre-operational kitchen inspection required, but the permit application process includes review of zoning approval and water potability.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales only. No wholesale to food establishments. Online orders and in-state delivery permitted. On-site pickup subject to local zoning.

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.warrencounty.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.warrencounty.gov>

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

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

Warren County and nearby places

Regulation	Warren County	Hunterdon County	Sussex County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas during production per standard NJ food safety requirements.	Not explicitly prohibited; kitchen sanitation required.	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas per NJ cottage food permit requirements.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No wholesale to food establishments. Online orders and in-state delivery permitted. On-site pickup subject t...	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. No out-of-state sales. NJ residents only.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Yes	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Yes	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	New Jersey requires a Cottage Food Operator Permit from the NJ Department of Health. Only non-TCS foods are permitted. Annual gross sales c...	One of the most burdensome cottage food programs in the US. Requirements: (1) Local zoning board approval confirming residential use is per...	New Jersey cottage food program is restrictive. Requirements: (1) local zoning board approval confirming residential use is permitted; (2) ...
FOOD STORAGE	All ingredients and finished products must be stored properly to prevent contamination; non-TCS foods only.	Non-TCS foods only from approved list. Stored in food-safe containers.	Non-TCS foods only. No wholesale sales. Annual gross sales may not exceed \$50,000.
POPULATION	109,739	129,099	144,808

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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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