

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Rensselaer County, New York?

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	Varies	Varies	—

NEW YORK RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[New York permits PDF](#)[New York cottage food law page](#)[New York Department of Agriculture and Markets cottage food program](#)[Statute: N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Varies

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.

HOW THIS PLACE WORKS

New York registers home processors at the state. Home Processor registration is with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, not the county health department. Suffolk, Nassau, and other county health pages will not have a separate cottage-food application. Confirm labeling and the AGM registration page in this file.

Official source: [NYS AGM home processing](#)

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

Where to file

State

New York registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Wholesale to restaurants, cafes, and grocery stores within New York State is explicitly permitted. Products may also be sold online (NY residents only) and via delivery. Shipping out of state is not permitted. Registration is free, location-specific, and has no expiration date.

New York permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/new-york.pdf

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

New York Department of Agriculture and Markets: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/food-safety/home-processing>

Statute: [N.Y. Agric. & Mkts. Law §251-z-4; 1 CRR-NY 276.4](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. Rensselaer County and the City of Troy may require home occupation permits under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.

Health

No. No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement by NYSDAM.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online (within NY State only). No wholesale or out-of-state sales.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

A commissary is Article 20-C or a health permit, not Home Processor. New York Home Processor is a state AGM registration for a home kitchen. If you hold a DOH permit or AGM 20-C license, homemade food must be made at that licensed facility. A commissary is that licensed facility.

Official source: [NYS AGM food processing](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.rensselaercounty.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.rensselaercounty.gov>

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/12/HomeProcessor.pdf>

Rensselaer County and nearby places

Regulation	Rensselaer County	Saratoga County	Columbia County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific NY state restriction on pets; good manufacturing practices apply.	Not specified in state rules; kitchen must be sanitary	No specific pet restriction stated in NY Home Processor rules; standard food safety hygiene applies.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, via home delivery, and online (within NY State only...	Sales at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online — within NY State only. Wholesale sales ...	Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, green markets, craft fairs, flea markets, home delivery, and online within NY State...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	New York Home Processor Exemption requires registration with NYSDAM. Products must be shelf-stable baked goods (all must be baked — a patho...	Only baked goods (must be baked — pathogen kill step required) and certain jams/jellies/preserves allowed. No unbaked items, no frostings w...	NY Home Processor Exemption requires free registration with NY Ag & Markets. All products must be baked (pathogen kill step required). Shel...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable pre-packaged products only; no refrigerated or TCS products.	Shelf-stable non-TCS baked goods and certain preserves only; no refrigerated products	Products must be shelf-stable, non-refrigerated, pre-packaged in the home.
POPULATION	160,943	236,328	61,469

More pages for this place

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

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