

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Grand Forks County, North Dakota?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

No

BUSINESS LICENSE

No

SALES CAP

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NORTH DAKOTA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[North Dakota permits PDF](#)

[North Dakota cottage food law page](#)

North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services (formerly Department of Health) cottage food program

[Statute: N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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

What you need

Grand Forks County, North Dakota. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

No

LOCAL HEALTH

No

BUSINESS LICENSE

No

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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North Dakota permits PDF →

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Grand Forks County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/north-dakota/grand-forks-county>

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

Where to file

State

North Dakota registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Transactions must be directly between the cottage food operator and the 'informed end consumer' and solely for home consumption. Products may not be sold or used in any food establishment, food processing plant, or food store. No wholesale channel is permitted.

North Dakota permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/north-dakota.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/north-dakota

North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services (formerly Department of Health): <https://www.ndhealth.gov/foodlodging/cottagefood/>

Statute: [N.D. Cent. Code §23-09.5-01 through §23-09.5-02](#)

Zoning / home occupation

No. ND Century Code §23-09.5-02(1) expressly prohibits state and local governments from requiring licensure, permitting, certification, or inspection for cottage food operations. No local home occupation permit may be required. Grand Forks County county government URL confirmed in input.

Health

No. State law (§23-09.5-02(1)) prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from requiring licensure, permitting, certification, inspection, packaging, or labeling for cottage foods. ND HHS or local authority may investigate upon illness complaint.

Business license

No

Pickup / delivery

Sales at farm, ranch, farmers market, farm stand, home-based kitchen, any non-prohibited venue, or through delivery. Direct producer-to-informed-end-consumer transactions only. Consumer must be informed product is not certified, labeled, licensed, packaged, regulated, or inspected.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Local health units license food establishments. North Dakota cottage food is a home path. A commissary is a food establishment licensed by the local health unit.

Official source: [ND HHS food and lodging](#)

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

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/health/food-and-lodging/cottage-food>

<https://ndlegis.gov/cencode/t23c09-5.pdf>

<https://fdhu.org/environmental-health-division/cottage-foods/>

Grand Forks County and nearby places

Regulation	Grand Forks County	Walsh County	Traill County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	—	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	—	—
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state statute.	—	—
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	—	—
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	—	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	—	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales at farm, ranch, farmers market, farm stand, home-based kitchen, any non-prohibited venue, or through delivery. Direct producer-to-inf...	—	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	No	No
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	—	—
RESTRICTIONS	Broad product definition: baked goods, jams, jellies, and 'other food and drink products'. No sales cap. Must sell directly to informed end...	—	—
FOOD STORAGE	Products requiring refrigeration must be labeled with safe handling instructions and disclosure statement indicating frozen transport/ maint...	—	—
POPULATION	72,927	10,553	8,004

More pages for this place

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

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North Dakota cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/north-dakota

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