

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Allen County, Ohio?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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OHIO RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Ohio permits PDF](#)[Ohio cottage food law page](#)[Ohio Department of Agriculture cottage food program](#)[Statute: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Allen County, Ohio. 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

Conditional

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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Ohio permits PDF →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/ohio.pdf>

Ohio cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/ohio>

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/ohio/allen-county>

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

Where to file

State

Ohio registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Labeled cottage food products may be sold to or used by retail food establishments and food service operations licensed under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3717. This enables indirect/wholesale sales within Ohio. Products may not be sold outside the state of Ohio.

Ohio permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/ohio.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/ohio

Ohio Department of Agriculture: <https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

Statute: [O.R.C. §3715.023](#); [§3715.025](#); Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Lima and other municipalities in Allen County may have home occupation zoning requirements. Allen County was flagged as 'verified-large' in the input. No specific Allen County cottage food ordinance identified.

Health

No. No routine inspections. Exempt from ODA licensing.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Sales permitted at home, farmers markets, events. Indirect sales to retailers also permitted. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

ODA cottage food is not a food-service license. Ohio cottage food may be sold to licensed food-service operations. Baking in a commissary means that kitchen's food-service or food-establishment license applies. Local health departments license food service.

Official source: [Ohio food safety program](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.co.allen.oh.us>

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.co.allen.oh.us>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

Allen County and nearby places

Regulation	Allen County	Hancock County	Auglaize County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state pet restriction, but standard sanitation applies.	Not specified in state statute.	No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales permitted at home, farmers markets, events. Indirect sales to retailers also permitted. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio.	Direct and indirect sales permitted within Ohio only.	Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-sta...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Ohio cottage food operations limited to approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04): non-PHF bakery products, candy (not dipped fresh fruit), f...	Approved product list only (OAC 901:3-20-04). No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging.	Ohio cottage food law allows production of approved non-potentially-hazardous foods in a home kitchen with no sales cap and no registration...
FOOD STORAGE	Only approved product list items. No acidified foods, low-acid canned foods, or PHF. No fresh-fruit-dipped candies. No reduced oxygen packa...	Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored appropriately. No reduced oxygen packaging.	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.
POPULATION	102,087	75,072	46,263

More pages for this place

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

Ohio permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/ohio.pdf

Ohio cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/ohio

Allen County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/ohio/allen-county