

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Athens County, Ohio?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**No**

HOME OCCUPATION

**Varies**

BUSINESS LICENSE

**Varies**

SALES CAP

**—**

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

## What you need

Athens County, Ohio. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**No**

ANNUAL SALES CAP

**—**

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

**Varies**

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.

### CONTINUE ONLINE

**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 →**

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**Athens County cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/ohio/athens-county>

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](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/ohio.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/ohio](https://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

Varies. Athens County and the City of Athens may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should verify with Athens County or their local zoning authority.

### Health

No. No routine or complaint-triggered inspection authority specified for cottage food in ORC; ODA food safety division handles complaints generally.

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Ohio allows direct and indirect sales of cottage food products within Ohio only. Sales at farmers markets, retail stores, online (in-state), and home pickup all permitted.

### 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.athenscounty.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.

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### SOURCES

<https://www.athenscounty.gov>

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

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

## Athens County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Athens County                                                                                                                                  | Washington County                                                                                                                              | Perry County                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; standard hygiene practices recommended.                                                 | No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.                                                                                         | No specific pet restriction in Ohio state cottage food law.                                                                                    |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Ohio allows direct and indirect sales of cottage food products within Ohio only. Sales at farmers markets, retail stores, online (in-state)... | Ohio allows direct and indirect sales within Ohio only. Farmers markets, retail stores, online (in-state), home pickup all permitted.          | Direct sales (home, farmers markets, events) and indirect sales to licensed retail food establishments permitted within Ohio. No out-of-sta... |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Ohio cottage food operations are allowed from home kitchens with no registration or inspection required. Approved product list (OAC 901:3-2... | Ohio cottage food operations allowed from home kitchens with no registration or inspection required. Specific approved product list (OAC 90... | 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               | Products must be non-potentially hazardous and shelf-stable; no reduced oxygen packaging permitted.                                            | Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable products required. No reduced oxygen packaging.                                                        | Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only per OAC 901:3-20-04 approved product list.                                                  |
| POPULATION                 | 61,276                                                                                                                                         | 59,639                                                                                                                                         | 35,451                                                                                                                                         |

## More pages for this place

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

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