

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Cuyahoga 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 by city

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

What you need

Cuyahoga 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 by city

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/cuyahoga-county>

Cuyahoga County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/ohio/cuyahoga-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

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. No state requirement for cottage food home occupation permit. OSU Extension notes that cottage food producers should check local zoning regulations for home-based retail sales. Cuyahoga County cities (Cleveland, Parma, Lakewood, etc.) have their own zoning codes. No specific county-level cottage food permit requirement identified.

Health

No. ODA has product sampling authority. Cuyahoga County Board of Health may investigate complaints. No routine inspection.

Health: <https://www.ccbh.net>

Business license

Varies by city

Pickup / delivery

Cottage food products may only be sold in Ohio. Direct sales, grocery stores, farm markets, and restaurants allowed. No out-of-state sales.

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://ccbh.net/food-protection-unit/>

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.ccbh.net>

<https://www.cuyahogacounty.us>

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

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Cuyahoga County and nearby places

Regulation	Cuyahoga County	Summit County	Lorain County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	State baseline applies	Ohio Home Bakery Law: pets banned from indoors at all times. Cottage food (basic): no specific pet restriction	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	Conditional	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Cottage food products may only be sold in Ohio. Direct sales, grocery stores, farm markets, and restaurants allowed. No out-of-state sales.	Cottage food and home bakery products may be sold directly from home, online, at farmers markets, community events, grocery stores, and res...	Direct to consumer at home, farmers markets, events; indirect sales to retailers permitted under separate \$300,000 annual cap with addition...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Ohio Cottage Food Production Operations exempt from ODA licensing. Home must be primary residence with only one residential stove/oven. Cuy...	Cottage Food: home must be primary residence with only one stove/oven for domestic use. Home Bakery (broader product license): requires sep...	Non-TCS foods only; \$35,000 annual direct sales cap; no state license or inspection required; labeling required
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies	Products must be stored at primary residence; standard home kitchen storage	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions
POPULATION	1,256,620	539,361	313,101

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

Cuyahoga County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/ohio/cuyahoga-county