

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Geauga 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

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

What you need

Geauga 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

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.

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[Geauga County cottage food law page →](#)

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

Varies. Geauga County townships and municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. No Geauga County-specific cottage food permit identified. Geauga County has a significant Amish and small-farm community, which may affect local interpretation of home-based business rules.

Health

No. No routine inspection authority for Ohio cottage food operations.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio. No out-of-state sales. Farmers markets, events, home pickup, online sales all permitted within 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.geaugacounty.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.geaugacounty.gov>

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

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

Geauga County and nearby places

Regulation	Geauga County	Ashtabula County	Portage County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific restriction under Ohio cottage food law.	No specific restriction under Ohio cottage food law.	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio. No out-of-state sales. Farmers markets, events, home pickup, online sales all permitted with...	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio (no out-of-state sales). Farmers markets, events, home pickup, online sales all permitted wit...	Direct-to-consumer and indirect sales (within Ohio only — products cannot be sold outside Ohio). Allowed venues: home, farmers markets, fai...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Ohio cottage food law: no registration, no inspection, no sales cap, no food handler certification required. Only Ohio-approved product lis...	Ohio cottage food law allows production with no registration, no inspection, no sales cap, and no food handler certification required. Only...	Ohio allows cottage food from home kitchens with no registration or sales cap. Products must be on the approved list (OAC 901:3-20-04): non...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF approved products only; no reduced oxygen packaging.	Non-PHF approved products only; no reduced oxygen packaging; store to prevent contamination.	Approved products only; non-PHF; proper storage to prevent contamination.
POPULATION	95,455	97,666	161,217

More pages for this place

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

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