

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Lorain 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 Lorain County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Lorain 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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Ohio cottage food law page →

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Permit page for this place →

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Lorain County cottage food law page →

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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

Varies. No county-specific home occupation permit identified. Lorain County municipalities (Elyria, Lorain city) may have home occupation zoning requirements; operator should verify with local planning

Health

No. Complaint-based investigation possible

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct to consumer at home, farmers markets, events; indirect sales to retailers permitted under separate \$300,000 annual cap with additional requirements

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.loraincounty.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.loraincounty.us>

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

Lorain County and nearby places

Regulation	Lorain County	Medina County	Erie County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.	Not specified in state statute.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct to consumer at home, farmers markets, events; indirect sales to retailers permitted under separate \$300,000 annual cap with addition...	Direct sales only within Ohio. In-state delivery and farmers market sales permitted. No out-of-state sales.	Direct and indirect sales permitted within Ohio only. Specific approved product list applies.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-TCS foods only; \$35,000 annual direct sales cap; no state license or inspection required; labeling required	No registration required. No sales cap. Approved product list required (specific products per Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No potentially...	Approved product list only (OAC 901:3-20-04). No sales outside Ohio. No reduced oxygen packaging. Products include non-potentially hazardous...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions	Shelf-stable storage for approved cottage food products.	Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored appropriately. No reduced oxygen packaging.
POPULATION	313,101	182,347	75,299

More pages for this place

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

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