

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Mahoning 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

**—**

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

## What you need

Mahoning 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

**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.

### 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 →**

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

**Mahoning County cottage food law page →**

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

Conditional. Mahoning County unincorporated areas: zoning regulations enforced by local townships; many Ohio townships require a home occupation permit for any business operating from a residence. Individual municipal zoning (Youngstown, Austintown, etc.) varies. Recommend verifying with Mahoning County Planning Commission and relevant township/city zoning office.

### Health

No. No routine inspection under Ohio cottage food law (O.R.C. §3715.025). ODA may investigate upon complaint.

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Ohio state law permits direct sales from home, at events, farmers markets, and online. Delivery to customers is allowed. No county-specific restrictions documented beyond state baseline.

### 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.mahoningcountyoh.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.mahoningcountyoh.gov>

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

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

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<https://www.mahoningcountyoh.gov/621/Licensing-Permits>

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## Mahoning County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Mahoning County                                                                                                                                | Trumbull County                                                                                                                                | Portage County                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food operations, but GMP practices discourage pet presence in food prep area... | Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food; GMP practices apply.                                                      | 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          | Ohio state law permits direct sales from home, at events, farmers markets, and online. Delivery to customers is allowed. No county-specific... | Ohio cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales from home, events, farmers markets, and online. Products must stay within Ohio.         | Direct-to-consumer and indirect sales (within Ohio only — products cannot be sold outside Ohio). Allowed venues: home, farmers markets, fai... |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen for non-potentially hazardous foods on the approved product list. No sep... | Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen without registration. Must follow approved product list (Ohio Admin. Cod... | 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               | Products must be stored in a manner that prevents contamination; standard GMP storage practices apply.                                         | Approved product list compliance required. Standard GMP storage.                                                                               | Approved products only; non-PHF; proper storage to prevent contamination.                                                                      |
| POPULATION                 | 227,979                                                                                                                                        | 201,749                                                                                                                                        | 161,217                                                                                                                                        |

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

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