

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

What you need

Portage 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 permits PDF →

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Ohio cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/ohio>

Permit page for this place →

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

Portage 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. Portage County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.

Health

No. No routine inspection. Complaint-based enforcement by Ohio Dept of Agriculture.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer and indirect sales (within Ohio only — products cannot be sold outside Ohio). Allowed venues: home, farmers markets, fairs, roadside stands, retail stores (some channels). No reduced oxygen packaging allowed.

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.portagecounty.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.portagecounty.gov>

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

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

Portage County and nearby places

Regulation	Portage County	Trumbull County	Geauga County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food.	Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food; GMP practices apply.	No specific restriction under Ohio cottage food law.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer and indirect sales (within Ohio only — products cannot be sold outside Ohio). Allowed venues: home, farmers markets, fai...	Ohio cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales from home, events, farmers markets, and online. Products must stay within Ohio.	Direct and indirect sales allowed within Ohio. No out-of-state sales. Farmers markets, events, home pickup, online sales all permitted with...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	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...	Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen without registration. Must follow approved product list (Ohio Admin. Cod...	Ohio cottage food law: no registration, no inspection, no sales cap, no food handler certification required. Only Ohio-approved product lis...
FOOD STORAGE	Approved products only; non-PHF; proper storage to prevent contamination.	Approved product list compliance required. Standard GMP storage.	Non-PHF approved products only; no reduced oxygen packaging.
POPULATION	161,217	201,749	95,455

More pages for this place

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

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