

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Stark 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

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

What you need

Stark 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

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Conditional

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/stark-county>

Stark County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/ohio/stark-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. Stark County municipalities (Canton, Massillon, Alliance, North Canton, etc.) have their own zoning ordinances. Operators should verify home occupation permit requirements with local municipality. Ohio cottage food law does not preempt local zoning.

Health

No. No routine inspection required. Stark County Public Health may investigate upon complaint.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct and some indirect sales within Ohio. No sales outside Ohio. Online 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.starkcountyohio.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.starkcountyohio.gov>

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

Stark County and nearby places

Regulation	Stark County	Mahoning County	Summit County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction.	Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food operations, but GMP practices discourage pet presence in food prep area...	Ohio Home Bakery Law: pets banned from indoors at all times. Cottage food (basic): no specific pet restriction
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	Conditional
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and some indirect sales within Ohio. No sales outside Ohio. Online within Ohio.	Ohio state law permits direct sales from home, at events, farmers markets, and online. Delivery to customers is allowed. No county-specific...	Cottage food and home bakery products may be sold directly from home, online, at farmers markets, community events, grocery stores, and res...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Ohio cottage food law (O.R.C. §3715.023/025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20) requires no registration or permit. Only state-approved non-TCS foo...	Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen for non-potentially hazardous foods on the approved product list. No sep...	Cottage Food: home must be primary residence with only one stove/oven for domestic use. Home Bakery (broader product license): requires sep...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from ODA-approved product list only.	Products must be stored in a manner that prevents contamination; standard GMP storage practices apply.	Products must be stored at primary residence; standard home kitchen storage
POPULATION	374,199	227,979	539,361

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

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