

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Bucks County, Pennsylvania?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-05.

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
Yes	Yes	Varies	—

PENNSYLVANIA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Pennsylvania permits PDF](#)[Pennsylvania cottage food law page](#)[Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture cottage food program](#)[Statute: 3 Pa.C.S. §§5721–5737](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Bucks County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Bucks County, Pennsylvania. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Yes

LOCAL HEALTH

Yes

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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Pennsylvania permits PDF →

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Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

Pennsylvania registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Yes. Registration includes sales direct from the production site including internet sales. However, a separate Retail Food Facility License may be required for sales at events or Farmers Markets. Businesses aiming to sell across state lines might also need FDA registration. The registration covers home-based operations in residential kitchens as well as residential-style kitchens in alternate locations such as churches, fire halls, or remodeled garages. Not available in Philadelphia County.

Pennsylvania permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/pennsylvania.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/food/limited-food-establishment.html>

Statute: [3 Pa.C.S. §§5721-5737](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Yes. Pennsylvania LFE application packet explicitly states operators must contact local municipality (township office, borough office, town hall) to verify zoning approval before operating a food business at the property. Bucks County is governed by numerous townships and boroughs, each with their own zoning codes. Zoning approval must be obtained before submitting PDA application. Bucks County has a county health department.

Health

Yes. Routine inspection by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture required before registration issued and on ongoing basis annually

Health: <https://www.buckscounty.gov/health>

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales from production site, online sales, farmers market sales, and retail store sales are all allowed. Interstate sales may require FDA registration. A Retail Food Facility License may be required for farmers market or event sales. No annual sales cap.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

PDA Limited Food Establishment is still not a retail commissary. Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment covers certain residential-style kitchens. A retail commissary or shared kitchen typically needs a Retail Food Facility license as well. Ask PDA and the local health department.

Official source: [PDA limited food establishment](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.buckscounty.gov/229/Department-of-Health>

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.buckscounty.gov/health>

<https://www.buckscounty.gov>

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/food/food-safety/limited-food-establishment->

<https://www.buckscounty.gov/1158/Food-Program-FAQs>

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/pennsylvania/>

Bucks County and nearby places

Regulation	Bucks County	Montgomery County	Lehigh County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply per inspection	Not specified in state regulations; standard sanitation applies	Standard food safety GMP requirements apply during production.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales from production site, online sales, farmers market sales, and retail store sales are all allowed. Interstate sales may require...	Direct-to-consumer and limited indirect sales. Direct sales via home, markets, events, internet/online. Indirect retail sales permitted wit...	Direct-to-consumer sales and limited indirect sales permitted. Online sales and in-state delivery permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must produce only non-hazardous foods not requiring finished-product refrigeration. Kitchen must pass state inspection. Registration requir...	Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration required. Initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration. \$35 r...	Pennsylvania requires a Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration from PA Dept. of Agriculture (\$35 fee, 2-year registration). An initi...
FOOD STORAGE	Food must be stored in compliant home kitchen conditions; no temperature-sensitive products	Standard food storage per LFE requirements; temperature control foods for finished product not permitted	Non-TCS, non-refrigerated finished products only.
POPULATION	645,163	856,399	374,110

More pages for this place

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

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