

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

See notes

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

SALES CAP

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

What you need

Philadelphia 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

See notes

LOCAL HEALTH

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

See notes

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

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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

See notes. Home kitchen operations are not permitted for Limited Food Establishments in Philadelphia. A commercially zoned property with NSF/ANSI equipment is required. Operators would need standard commercial food establishment permits from the Philadelphia Department of Public Health.

Health

Yes. PA Department of Agriculture inspects the production site on a routine basis as part of registration. Philadelphia also has its own city health inspections for food establishments.

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Standard commercial food establishment rules apply in Philadelphia. State LFE program excludes Philadelphia County.

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.phila.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.phila.gov>

https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/consumer_protection/FoodSafety/manufacturing-packing-holding-distribution/Documents/Limited%20Food%20Establishment%20Application%20Packet.pdf

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

Philadelphia County and nearby places

Regulation	Philadelphia County	Montgomery County	Bucks County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	Yes	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	State baseline applies (but see notes — commercial kitchen required)	Not specified in state regulations; standard sanitation applies	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply per inspection
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	See notes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	See notes	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Standard commercial food establishment rules apply in Philadelphia. State LFE program excludes Philadelphia County.	Direct-to-consumer and limited indirect sales. Direct sales via home, markets, events, internet/online. Indirect retail sales permitted wit...	Direct sales from production site, online sales, farmers market sales, and retail store sales are all allowed. Interstate sales may require...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	See notes	Conditional	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Philadelphia County is explicitly excluded from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Limited Food Establishment (cottage food) regi...	Pennsylvania Limited Food Establishment (LFE) registration required. Initial on-site kitchen inspection required before registration. \$35 r...	Must produce only non-hazardous foods not requiring finished-product refrigeration. Kitchen must pass state inspection. Registration requir...
FOOD STORAGE	Commercial kitchen standards apply in Philadelphia County	Standard food storage per LFE requirements; temperature control foods for finished product not permitted	Food must be stored in compliant home kitchen conditions; no temperature-sensitive products
POPULATION	1,593,208	856,399	645,163

More pages for this place

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

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