

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Kent County, Rhode Island?

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	Conditional	Varies	\$50,000 / year

RHODE ISLAND RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

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[Rhode Island Department of Health cottage food program](#)

[Statute: R.I. Gen. Laws §21-27-6.2](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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

What you need

Kent County, Rhode Island. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

\$50,000 / year

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Conditional

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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<https://crosodo.com/states/rhode-island/kent-county>

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

Where to file

State

Rhode Island registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Yes. No wholesale or consignment sales permitted. Sales to grocery stores, restaurants, long-term care facilities, group homes, daycare facilities, and schools are prohibited. Internet/mail/phone sales are permissible but the operator or designee must personally deliver within the state. Farmers market and temporary event sales require an additional retail food peddler license.

Rhode Island permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/rhode-island.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/rhode-island

Rhode Island Department of Health: <https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=257>

Statute: [R.I. Gen. Laws §21-27-6.2](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Rhode Island counties are administrative only and do not have county government; municipalities govern local rules. Kent County municipalities (e.g., Warwick, Cranston, West Warwick) each have their own zoning rules for home-based businesses. County URLs were blank in input. Home occupation permits typically required by municipalities.

Health

Yes. DOH may inspect at any time for compliance. No routine scheduled inspections but DOH retains right to inspect.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales only within Rhode Island. Products may not be sold outside the state.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

RIDOH licenses food establishments. Rhode Island cottage food is a home bakery path. A commissary is a food establishment licensed by RIDOH. Farmers-market sales may also need a peddler license.

Official source: [RIDOH food safety](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://kentcountyrri.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://kentcountyrri.gov>

<https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=257>

<https://webserver.rilegislature.gov/Statutes/TITLE21/21-27/21-27-6.1.htm>

Kent County and nearby places

Regulation	Kent County	Washington County	Newport County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	DOH inspection applies; pets likely required away from food prep areas.	Not specified; kitchen sanitation required.	Kitchen inspection will evaluate conditions; no specific statutory statement on pets.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only within Rhode Island. Products may not be sold outside the state.	Direct sales only. No wholesale/consignment. No sales to grocery stores, restaurants, long-term care facilities, group homes, daycares, or ...	Direct sales only within Rhode Island. No wholesale, no grocery store/restaurant sales, no sales to long-term care facilities, group homes,...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Only non-refrigerated baked goods allowed (double crust pies, yeast breads, biscuits, brownies, cookies, muffins, cakes that do not require...	One of the most restrictive cottage food laws in the US. Only non-refrigerated baked goods allowed (double crust pies, yeast breads, biscui...	Rhode Island has one of the most restrictive cottage food laws in the US. Only non-refrigerated baked goods are allowed (double crust pies,...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-refrigerated shelf-stable baked goods stored properly.	Only non-refrigerated baked goods. Stored in food-safe containers.	No specific statutory storage requirements beyond what is evaluated in inspection.
POPULATION	170,168	129,998	85,442

More pages for this place

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

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