

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Denton County, Texas?

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

\$150,000 / year

TEXAS RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Texas permits PDF](#)[Texas cottage food law page](#)[Texas Department of State Health Services cottage food program](#)[Statute: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Denton County, Texas. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

\$150,000 / year

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Conditional

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.

HOW THIS PLACE WORKS

Texas does not let counties charge a cottage-food permit. State law says a local government may not require a permit, license, or fee for a cottage food production operation. The leftover local steps are usually city zoning, a DBA (assumed name) at the county clerk, and sales tax if your products are taxable. This packet shows the state DSHS page for the food rules.

Official source: [Texas DSHS cottage food production operations](#)

CONTINUE ONLINE

Texas permits PDF →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/texas.pdf>

Texas cottage food law page →

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

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/texas/denton-county>

Denton County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/texas/denton-county>

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

Where to file

State

Texas registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Sales must be made directly to consumers or to a 'cottage food vendor' (a new category created by SB 541 in 2025 – a person with a contractual relationship who sells on behalf of the cottage food operation to consumers in-state). Cottage food products may not be sold as ingredients to a food service establishment. No retail grocery store or wholesale sales permitted under the pre-2025 framework; SB 541 (2025) adds the cottage food vendor intermediary option. Products must be delivered to consumer or vendor at point of sale or consumer-designated location.

Texas permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/texas.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/texas

Texas Department of State Health Services: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>

Statute: [Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Municipal zoning ordinances cannot prevent a cottage food operation in a home. However, city/county zoning rules on traffic, parking, noise, and nuisance still apply. Cities within Denton County (Denton, Lewisville, Flower Mound, etc.) may have home occupation permit requirements. Contact the City of Denton Development Services or applicable city planning department. Denton County Planning may apply for unincorporated areas.

Planning: <https://www.dentoncounty.gov/planning>

Health

No. Local health departments have NO regulatory authority to inspect cottage food operations. DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.

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

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Broad direct-to-consumer sales permitted: in-person, online (with personal delivery by operator/household member within Texas), farmers markets, roadside stands. Online sales allowed if operator personally delivers. No mail/carrier shipping. Since SB 541 (2025), wholesale to registered cottage food vendors also permitted for non-TCS foods.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

DSHS does not let locals permit cottage food. A commissary is different. Texas cottage food is exempt from food-establishment rules. A commissary, restaurant, or shared kitchen is a retail food establishment permitted by the local health department or DSHS.

Official source: [Texas DSHS retail food establishments](#)

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

<https://www.dentoncounty.gov/planning>

<https://www.dentoncounty.gov>

<https://texascottagefoodlaw.com/basics/>

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/retail-food-establishments/texas-cottage-food-production>

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>

Denton County and nearby places

Regulation	Denton County	Collin County	Grayson County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified; standard sanitation applies	State baseline applies	Not prohibited by state law; kitchen sanitation required.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Broad direct-to-consumer sales permitted: in-person, online (with personal delivery by operator/household member within Texas), farmers mar...	State law allows direct and indirect sales, online sales with in-person/household delivery. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025)...	Sales permitted from home, farmers markets, online, and third-party delivery within Texas. Indirect retail/ restaurant sales allowed with re...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies by city	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies by city	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	State law preempts local health department regulation of cottage food production. No county/city can require permits, fees, or inspections ...	Collin County follows state cottage food law. No county-level health inspection authority for cottage food operations. Incorporated cities ...	Annual gross income capped at \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required. Health departments cannot routinely...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage practices; no additional county requirements	State baseline applies	Non-TCS foods only; stored in sealed food-safe containers.
POPULATION	914,870	1,079,153	137,008

More pages for this place

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

Texas permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/texas.pdf

Texas cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/texas

Denton County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/texas/denton-county