

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Franklin County, Vermont?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

\$30,000 / year

VERMONT RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Vermont permits PDF](#)[Vermont cottage food law page](#)[Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets; Vermont Department of Health \(Food & Lodging Program\) cottage food program](#)[Statute: 18 V.S.A. §4351; Act 42 \(2025\) cottage food operator exemption](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Franklin County, Vermont. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

\$30,000 / year

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Conditional

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint

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

Where to file

State

Vermont registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. Food made under a license exemption cannot be sold to restaurants or other licensed food establishments. Sales must be direct to final consumers. Exempt producers must file an annual attestation with the Vermont Department of Health by January 15 each year and complete online food safety training.

Vermont permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/vermont.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/vermont

Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets; Vermont Department of Health (Food & Lodging Program): <https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment/food-lodging-program/home-based-food-licenses-and-exemptions>

Statute: [18 V.S.A. §4351](#); [Act 42 \(2025\) cottage food operator exemption](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Vermont governance is primarily at town level. Franklin County towns (St. Albans, Swanton, Fairfax, etc.) each have their own zoning. Recommend verifying with the specific town where the operation is located.

Health

Upon-complaint. No routine inspection for cottage food exempt operations. DOH may investigate on complaint.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales only. Annual attestation plus food safety training required for exempt operations. No sales to restaurants or licensed food establishments.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

A licensed kitchen is not the cottage exemption. Vermont cottage-food operator exemption is a home path. A commissary is a food and lodging establishment licensed by the Department of Health.

Official source: [Vermont food and lodging](#)

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

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment/food-lodging-program/home-based-food-licenses-and-exemptions>

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/18/085/04351>

Franklin County and nearby places

Regulation	Franklin County	Orleans County	Lamoille County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state cottage food law.	No explicit statutory pet restriction under the cottage food exemption.	No explicit statutory pet restriction under the cottage food exemption.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales only. Annual attestation plus food safety training required for exempt operations. No sales to restaurants or lice...	Vermont cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Farmers markets and farm stands permitted. No indirect/wholesale sales under the exempti...	Vermont cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Farmers markets and farm stands permitted. No indirect/wholesale sales under the exempti...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Conditional	Conditional
RESTRICTIONS	Cottage food operator exemption (Act 42, 2025): non-potentially hazardous foods including baked goods, candy, jams, jellies, dry herbs, tra...	Vermont state cottage food operator exemption (Act 42, 2025; 18 V.S.A. §4351) applies. Gross annual sales must be \$30,000 or less. Vermont ...	Vermont state cottage food operator exemption (Act 42, 2025; 18 V.S.A. §4351) applies. Gross annual sales must be \$30,000 or less. Vermont ...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-potentially hazardous.	Proper storage; cottage foods must not require refrigeration or temperature control for safety.	Proper storage; cottage foods must not require refrigeration or temperature control for safety.
POPULATION	50,101	27,459	25,977

More pages for this place

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

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