

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Spotsylvania County, Virginia?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

Tiered

VIRGINIA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Virginia permits PDF](#)[Virginia cottage food law page](#)[Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services cottage food program](#)[Statute: Va. Code §3.2-5130 \(HB 402 / 2026 c. 605\)](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Spotsylvania County, Virginia. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Varies

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.

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Virginia permits PDF →

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

Virginia cottage food law page →

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Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/virginia/spotsylvania-county>

Spotsylvania County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/virginia/spotsylvania-county>

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

Where to file

State

Virginia registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. As amended by HB 402 (Acts of Assembly 2026 Ch. 605), effective July 1, 2026: exempt foods may be sold at any location, through the internet, or by phone to an individual in Virginia for their own consumption, and delivered in person, by mail, or by delivery service in Virginia. Still no resale, consignment, restaurants, retail food establishments, or out-of-state sales. Local zoning still applies. The VDACS home-food-processor FAQ PDF is stale (still says no online sales); the statute controls. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB402>

Virginia permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/virginia.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/virginia

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services: <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

Statute: [Va. Code §3.2-5130 \(HB 402 / 2026 c. 605\)](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. Spotsylvania County zoning ordinance (Spotsylvania, VA) applies in unincorporated areas. The county is a rapidly growing suburban county in the DC metro area. Home occupation permits may be required under county zoning. Check Spotsylvania County Zoning Division at spotsylvania.va.us.

Health

No. VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint per Va. Code §3.2-5130(D).

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales only per state law. Sales from home, at farmers markets, roadside stands, online (local delivery), and similar venues. No resale or wholesale to food establishments.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

VDACS treats a commercial kitchen as a food-processing operation. Virginia cottage food is a home exemption. A commissary or commercial kitchen that manufactures food for sale needs a VDACS inspection and permit. VDACS publishes a commercial-kitchen food-processing application. Local health departments permit restaurants and similar food establishments.

Official source: [VDACS home and commercial kitchen businesses](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.spotsylvania.va.us>

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.spotsylvania.va.us>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

<https://www.spotsylvania.va.us>

Spotsylvania County and nearby places

Regulation	Spotsylvania County	Stafford County	Hanover County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Conditional	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.	If pets are present, food processing and storage areas must be completely enclosed/ separated from the rest of the home with a solid hinged ...	No specific state prohibition; standard food safety practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	Upon-complaint	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only per state law. Sales from home, at farmers markets, roadside stands, online (local delivery), and similar venues. No resa...	Under §3.2-5130 exemption: direct-to-consumer sales only; no resale to food establishments. Under VDACS permit: direct sales and some whole...	Virginia allows direct sales only: home, farmers markets, events, online (no resale). Customer pickup permitted subject to Hanover County h...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Yes	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Yes	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. No registration required at state level for most cottage foods. Pickles and acidified vegetables capped at...	Virginia has two pathways: (1) Va. Code §3.2-5130 cottage food exemption — no registration or inspection for direct-to-consumer sales of no...	Virginia allows non-TCS shelf-stable cottage foods with no registration or inspection. Direct sales only. All-caps label required: 'NOT FOR...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS products only. Products stored in food-safe containers.	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only under cottage food exemption. Proper storage to prevent contamination.	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only. Pickles/ acidified vegetables with pH ≤4.6 allowed but with \$9,000/year cap.
POPULATION	141,097	157,606	110,513

More pages for this place

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

Virginia permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/virginia.pdf

Virginia cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/virginia

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