

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Columbia County, Wisconsin?

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

WISCONSIN RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Wisconsin permits PDF](#)

[Wisconsin cottage food law page](#)

[Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection cottage food program](#)

[Statute: Wis. Stat. §97.29](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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

What you need

Columbia County, Wisconsin. 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

Conditional

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

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

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Wisconsin permits PDF →

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

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Permit page for this place →

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

Where to file

State

Wisconsin registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Home-canned goods must be sold at community or social events or farmers' markets in Wisconsin (§97.29(2)(b)2.b). The Kivirist court order applies to direct-to-consumer sales by home bakers. Products cannot be sold to retail food establishments or distributed through wholesale channels without a license.

Wisconsin permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/wisconsin.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/wisconsin

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CottageFoodLaws.aspx

Statute: [Wis. Stat. §97.29](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. Columbia County and City of Portage may have home occupation zoning requirements. Wisconsin law does not expressly preempt local zoning for cottage food. Operators should check with Columbia County Zoning.

Health

No. DATCP enjoined from enforcing licensing against qualifying home bakers per Kivirist court order.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Kivirist exception: baked goods direct to consumer at low volume. Pickle Bill: up to \$5,000/year at community events or farmers markets. No online sales or retail sales under either pathway.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

DATCP licenses food processing; local health licenses restaurants. Wisconsin unlicensed home baking is a narrow path. A commissary is typically a DATCP food processing plant or a local food-service license. Ask the kitchen which license they hold.

Official source: [DATCP food licenses](#)

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

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CottageFoodLaws.aspx

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/97/29>

Columbia County and nearby places

Regulation	Columbia County	Sauk County	Dodge County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Conditional	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific pet restriction in Wisconsin cottage food case law or statute.	No specific state prohibition; best practice is to exclude pets during production	Not specified in Kivirist order, but kitchen hygiene (not in question) is a key condition of the Kivirist exemption.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Kivirist exception: baked goods direct to consumer at low volume. Pickle Bill: up to \$5,000/year at community events or farmers markets. No...	Direct sales to consumers only for unlicensed operations. Farmers markets and direct delivery permitted.	Kivirist exception requires direct-to-consumer sales only. No wholesale. Home pickup and delivery to consumers is permitted under this fram...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Wisconsin has an unusual cottage food framework shaped by case law. The Kivirist court order (2017) allows home bakers to sell nonhazardous...	Home bakers of non-potentially hazardous baked goods may sell directly to consumers without a license (Kivirist exception). Non-baked non-P...	Wisconsin cottage food law is unusual: the Kivirist court order allows home bakers (of good character, sanitary kitchen) to sell non-potent...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable, nonhazardous products required. No TCS foods.	Proper storage required; shelf-stable non-PHF baked goods only for unlicensed operation	No specific statutory storage requirements beyond general sanitation.
POPULATION	58,272	65,664	89,032

More pages for this place

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

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