

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Jefferson 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

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[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 Jefferson County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Jefferson 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

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

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. Jefferson County and its municipalities (Jefferson, Watertown, Fort Atkinson, Lake Mills, etc.) each set their own home occupation rules. No Jefferson County-specific cottage food permit requirement identified. Producers should check with Jefferson County Planning and Zoning or their municipality.

Health

No. DATCP does not conduct routine inspections under Kivirist exception. May investigate upon complaint.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Kivirist exception: direct-to-consumer sales only; no wholesale. Pickle Bill: community events and farmers markets only up to \$5,000/year.

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.jeffersoncounty.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.jeffersoncounty.gov>

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Licenses_Permits/HomeBakers.aspx

https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lc/issue_briefs/2025/consumer_protection/ib_wis_cottage_food_law_ag_2025_06_18

Jefferson County and nearby places

Regulation	Jefferson County	Dodge County	Walworth County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Kitchen hygiene must not be in question per Kivist order conditions.	Not specified in Kivist order, but kitchen hygiene (not in question) is a key condition of the Kivist exemption.	No specific state restriction.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Kivist exception: direct-to-consumer sales only; no wholesale. Pickle Bill: community events and farmers markets only up to \$5,000/year.	Kivist exception requires direct-to-consumer sales only. No wholesale. Home pickup and delivery to consumers is permitted under this fram...	Baked goods: direct-to-consumer, any channel, low volume. Pickles: community events and farmers markets only, \$5,000/year cap. Unbaked good...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Same as all Wisconsin counties: Kivist court order allows home bakers selling non-PHF baked goods directly to consumers without a DATCP I...	Wisconsin cottage food law is unusual: the Kivist court order allows home bakers (of good character, sanitary kitchen) to sell non-potent...	Wisconsin's cottage food landscape is shaped by statute and case law: (1) §97.29(2)(b)2: home-canned pickles/acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 o...
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement beyond general sanitation.	No specific statutory storage requirements beyond general sanitation.	Baked goods only under Kivist. Pickles/acidified vegetables under Pickle Bill. Unbaked goods (candy, chocolate, fudge) require DATCP food...
POPULATION	85,932	89,032	105,127

More pages for this place

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

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