

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Manitowoc 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 Manitowoc County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Manitowoc 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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Wisconsin permits PDF →

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

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

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/wisconsin/manitowoc-county>

Manitowoc County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/wisconsin/manitowoc-county>

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. Manitowoc County and the City of Manitowoc may have home occupation ordinances. No Manitowoc County-specific cottage food permit requirement identified.

Health

No. DATCP may investigate upon complaint.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales only under Kivirist; 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.manitowocounty.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.manitowocounty.gov>

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

Manitowoc County and nearby places

Regulation	Manitowoc County	Calumet County	Sheboygan County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Kitchen hygiene must not be in question per Kivirist conditions.	Not specified in state law.	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales only under Kivirist; no wholesale. Pickle Bill: community events and farmers markets only up to \$5,000/year.	Direct-to-consumer sales only for exempt operations. Pickle Bill limits sales to community events and farmers markets for home-canned goods...	Wisconsin: direct sales only. Pickle Bill: community events and farmers markets only. Kivirist: direct consumer sales at low volume. No who...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Same as all Wisconsin counties: Kivirist court order allows home bakers selling non-PHF baked goods directly to consumers without a DATCP l...	Under the Kivirist court order (2017), home bakers of good character may sell nonhazardous shelf-stable baked goods direct to consumer at l...	Wisconsin: (1) Pickle Bill (\$97.29) allows home-canned acidified foods with pH ≤4.6 up to \$5,000/year at community events or farmers market...
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement beyond general sanitation.	Products must remain shelf-stable and nonhazardous.	Shelf-stable non-TCS baked goods and home-canned acidified foods (pH ≤4.6). Unbaked goods (chocolates, fudge, candy) require food processin...
POPULATION	81,242	52,361	117,741

More pages for this place

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

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