

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

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

What you need

Racine 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

Conditional

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

Conditional. Racine County (unincorporated areas) and City of Racine may have home occupation zoning requirements for home-based businesses. Contact Racine County Planning & Development or City of Racine Planning Department. Wisconsin state law does not have a broad statewide preemption of local home occupation zoning.

Health

No. Wisconsin DATCP may not enforce licensing against qualifying home bakers (Kivirist order). No routine inspection. Operations above Pickle Bill cap or involving unbaked goods may require a food processing plant license.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Kivirist path: direct-to-consumer sales only; no specific channel restrictions stated. Pickle Bill path: only at community events or farmers markets (not from home). Home pickup generally allowed for Kivirist path.

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.racinecounty.com>

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.racinecounty.com>

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

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

Racine County and nearby places

Regulation	Racine County	Kenosha County	Walworth County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state-level pet restriction in Wisconsin cottage food framework.	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.	No specific state restriction.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Kivirist path: direct-to-consumer sales only; no specific channel restrictions stated. Pickle Bill path: only at community events or farmer...	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, and community events.	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	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Wisconsin cottage food framework: (1) Statutory 'Pickle Bill' (§97.29(2)(b)2): home-canned pickles and acidified vegetables/fruits (pH 4.6 ...	Two pathways: (1) Kivirist court order allows home bakers of nonhazardous BAKED goods only (no unbaked items — chocolates, fudge, candy exc...	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	Shelf-stable, non-TCS foods only under the Kivirist/Pickle Bill framework. Standard GMP storage.	Shelf-stable storage for baked goods and home-canned items.	Baked goods only under Kivirist. Pickles/acidified vegetables under Pickle Bill. Unbaked goods (candy, chocolate, fudge) require DATCP food...
POPULATION	197,068	168,693	105,127

More pages for this place

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

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