

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

What you need

Sauk 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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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. Sauk County has a Planning & Zoning department in Baraboo. Home occupation rules apply under county zoning ordinance. Contact Sauk County Planning & Zoning at (608) 355-3285 for permit requirements.

Health

No. No routine inspection for exempt home bakers; DATCP may investigate complaints

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales to consumers only for unlicensed operations. Farmers markets and direct delivery permitted.

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.saukcounty.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.saukcounty.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

Sauk County and nearby places

Regulation	Sauk County	Columbia County	Vernon County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state prohibition; best practice is to exclude pets during production	No specific pet restriction in Wisconsin cottage food case law or statute.	No specific state prohibition for cottage food bakers; standard food safety practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales to consumers only for unlicensed operations. Farmers markets and direct delivery permitted.	Kivist exception: baked goods direct to consumer at low volume. Pickle Bill: up to \$5,000/year at community events or farmers markets. No...	Direct-to-consumer only for Kivist-covered baked goods. Pickle Bill allows farmers market/community event sales only. No wholesale, retail...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Home bakers of non-potentially hazardous baked goods may sell directly to consumers without a license (Kivist exception). Non-baked non-P...	Wisconsin has an unusual cottage food framework shaped by case law. The Kivist court order (2017) allows home bakers to sell nonhazardous...	Wisconsin has an unusual framework: (1) the statutory 'Pickle Bill' (§97.29(2)(b)2) allows home-canned pickles/acidified vegetables at comm...
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage required; shelf-stable non-PHF baked goods only for unlicensed operation	Shelf-stable, nonhazardous products required. No TCS foods.	Shelf-stable, non-hazardous baked goods only; proper storage required.
POPULATION	65,664	58,272	30,516

More pages for this place

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

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