

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Walworth 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

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

What you need

Walworth 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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Wisconsin permits PDF →

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

Wisconsin cottage food law page →

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

Permit page for this place →

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

Walworth County cottage food law page →

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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. Walworth County and municipalities (Elkhorn, Delavan, Lake Geneva, etc.) may have home occupation zoning requirements. Walworth County is a popular resort area (Lake Geneva) with active zoning. No specific Walworth County cottage food ordinance identified.

Health

No. No routine inspections for qualifying cottage food operations.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Baked goods: direct-to-consumer, any channel, low volume. Pickles: community events and farmers markets only, \$5,000/year cap. Unbaked goods require food processing plant license.

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.co.walworth.wi.us>

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.co.walworth.wi.us>

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

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

Walworth County and nearby places

Regulation	Walworth County	Jefferson County	Rock County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction.	Kitchen hygiene must not be in question per Kivist conditions.	No specific state prohibition for cottage food bakers; standard food safety practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Baked goods: direct-to-consumer, any channel, low volume. Pickles: community events and farmers markets only, \$5,000/year cap. Unbaked good...	Kivist exception: direct-to-consumer sales only; no wholesale. Pickle Bill: community events and farmers markets only up to \$5,000/year.	Direct-to-consumer only for Kivist-covered baked goods. No wholesale, retail, or online sales allowed under the baked goods exception. Pi...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	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...	Same as all Wisconsin counties: Kivist court order allows home bakers selling non-PHF baked goods directly to consumers without a DATCP l...	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	Baked goods only under Kivist. Pickles/acidified vegetables under Pickle Bill. Unbaked goods (candy, chocolate, fudge) require DATCP food...	No specific statutory requirement beyond general sanitation.	Shelf-stable, non-hazardous baked goods only; proper storage required.
POPULATION	105,127	85,932	163,817

More pages for this place

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

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

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