

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

What you need

Washington 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>

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[Washington County cottage food law page →](#)

<https://crosodo.com/states/wisconsin/washington-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. Washington County (WI, near Milwaukee metro) zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. City of West Bend and other municipalities have their own rules. No specific county-level cottage food ordinance identified.

Health

No. No routine inspection. DATCP may investigate upon complaint.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales at community events and farmers markets for home-canned goods (up to \$5,000/year). Baked goods: direct-to-consumer at low volume. No internet or mail-order sales under Wisconsin's current framework.

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.washingtoncountywi.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.washingtoncountywi.gov>

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

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

Washington County and nearby places

Regulation	Washington County	Sheboygan County	Fond du Lac County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.	No specific state restriction; standard food safety 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	Direct sales at community events and farmers markets for home-canned goods (up to \$5,000/year). Baked goods: direct-to-consumer at low volu...	Wisconsin: direct sales only. Pickle Bill: community events and farmers markets only. Kivist: direct consumer sales at low volume. No who...	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	Under Wis. Stat. §97.29(2)(b)2, home-canned pickles and acidified vegetables/fruits (pH 4.6 or lower) may be sold at community events or fa...	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...	Wisconsin's cottage food landscape: (1) §97.29(2)(b)2: home-canned pickles/acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) at community events or fa...
FOOD STORAGE	Home-canned: pH 4.6 or lower. Baked goods: shelf-stable, nonhazardous. Stored in food-safe containers.	Shelf-stable non-TCS baked goods and home-canned acidified foods (pH ≤4.6). Unbaked goods (chocolates, fudge, candy) require food processin...	Baked goods only under Kivist. Pickles/acidified vegetables under Pickle Bill (\$5,000 cap). Unbaked goods require DATCP food processing p...
POPULATION	136,842	117,741	104,027

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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