

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Middlesex County

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STATE BASELINE

Conn. Gen. Stat. §21a-62a; CT tier: Okay

STATE TIER

Okay

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

50000

CONFIDENCE

HIGH

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-06

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision. Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

True

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

False

PETS ALLOWED?

No state-level rule; individual municipality may have standards

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (municipal zoning approval required before applying for CT DCP license) (Connecticut has NO county government — counties are geographic only. All zoning is administered by the 15 municipalities in Middlesex County (Middletown, Cromwell, Haddam, etc.). Each municipality must be contacted individually for zoning compliance confirmation.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

True

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (pre-licensure home inspection by CT DCP required) (Required before receiving annual cottage food license; DCP commissioner may also inspect at any time)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

True

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

False

PET RESTRICTIONS

No state-level rule; individual municipality may have standards

WATER SUPPLY

If using private well: annual coliform/nitrate testing required and results submitted to CT DCP prior to licensing and annually thereafter

HANDWASHING

Implied by ServSafe Food Handler training requirement

FOOD STORAGE

Products must be stored in permitted area of home that includes the kitchen; no outbuilding storage

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies by municipality within Middlesex County; no county-level business license exists

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Varies by municipal zoning; no exterior signs typically allowed under home occupation rules
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only; local delivery only for online orders; no mail-order shipping; sales at farmers markets, events, roadside stands, or at home
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No more than 2 immediate household members per typical CT home occupation rules

Relevant county code

CT DCP cottage food program: Conn. Gen. Stat. §21a-62a through §21a-62h; local municipal zoning codes vary

RESEARCH NOTES

IMPORTANT: Connecticut counties have NO government. CT DCP requires written municipal zoning approval as prerequisite for cottage food license. Annual \$50 license fee. Home inspection required. ServSafe Food Handler course required. \$50,000 annual sales cap.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://portal.ct.gov/dcp/knowledge-base/articles/cottage-foods/local-zoning-and-location-requirements>

N/A — no county planning in Connecticut; contact individual municipality

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https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_417.htm#sec_21a-62a

<https://portal.ct.gov/DCP/Food-and-Standards-Division/Cottage-Foods>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/connecticut/middlesex-county-discuss>

State context — Connecticut cottage food law

Middlesex County's rules sit on top of Connecticut's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE Conn. Gen. Stat. §21a-62a	ANNUAL SALES CAP 50000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED Yes	FOOD HANDLER CERT Yes (specific course)
KITCHEN INSPECTION Yes	DIRECT SALES ONLY Yes
INDIRECT SALES No — Indirect sales through retail stores, restaurants, or wholesale are not permitted; mail order and third-party delivery services are prohibited; only the producer or their designee may deliver within Connecticut.	

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Connecticut cottage food law report](#).

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_417.htm#sec_21a-62a

State dept cottage food page: <https://portal.ct.gov/DCP/Food-and-Standards-Division/Cottage-Foods>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/connecticut/>

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