

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# DuPage County

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## STATE BASELINE

410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4; 2022 amendment PA 102-0633)

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Great	—	MEDIUM	2026-05-05

**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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Yes (Home kitchen allowed under state cottage food law. Registration required with local health department (up to \$50/year). Food Safety Manager certification (CFPM-level) required. State law preempts local contradictory restrictions in most cases, but some local health departments may impose additional requirements per §410 ILCS 625/4(d).)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

State baseline applies

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (DuPage County zoning governs home occupations for unincorporated areas. Most areas in DuPage County are incorporated municipalities (Wheaton, Naperville, Aurora, etc.) with their own home occupation permit rules. Contact the relevant municipality's planning department or DuPage County Planning & Zoning for unincorporated areas.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

Upon-complaint (DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) may inspect upon complaint. No routine home inspections for cottage food.)

**Home kitchen rules**

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<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	State baseline applies
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Food Safety Manager certification implies comprehensive handwashing/sanitation knowledge
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Standard food storage practices; perishable items may be sold directly but not shipped

**Inspection & permitting**

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<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Conditional — DuPage County zoning governs home occupations for unincorporated areas. Most areas in DuPage County are incorporated municipalities (Wheaton, Naperville, Aurora, etc.) with their own home occupation permit rules. Contact the relevant municipality's planning department or DuPage County Planning & Zoning for unincorporated areas.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales statewide (not just farmers markets since 2022 amendment). Online sales allowed for non-perishable items within Illinois only. No out-of-state shipping. No wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Unknown

**Relevant county code**

410 ILCS 625/4; DuPage County Health Department registration required; municipal home occupation ordinances vary

**RESEARCH NOTES**

DuPage County follows Illinois state baseline for cottage food. Registration with the DuPage County Health Department required (up to \$50/year fee). CFPM (Food Safety Manager) certification required under state law. DuPage County is largely suburban/incorporated — most residents fall under municipal rather than county zoning. No DuPage-specific cottage food ordinance restricting or expanding the state baseline was found. Confidence medium as DuPage County Health Department page was not directly accessed.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.dupagehealth.org>

<https://www.dupagecounty.gov/planning>

<https://www.dupagecounty.gov>

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

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

## State context — Illinois cottage food law

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

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<b>STATUTE</b> 410 ILCS 625/4 (Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, §4)	<b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b> —
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b> Yes	<b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b> Yes (specific course)
<b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b> Upon-complaint	<b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b> Yes
<b>INDIRECT SALES</b> No — Illinois prohibits sales to restaurants, retail stores, and wholesale; direct in-state sales are allowed anywhere including home, online, farmers markets, events, and roadside stands; non-perishable items may be shipped within Illinois only.	

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

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2625&ChapterID=35>

State dept cottage food page: <https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/cottage-food.html>

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

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