

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Glacier County

Montana · Cut Bank · FIPS 30035 · Population 13,503 ·  
Crosodo Index #772\*

## STATE BASELINE

Mont. Code §50-50-116 and §50-50-117 (cottage food); Mont. Code §§50-49-201 et seq.  
(Local Food Choice Act)

| STATE TIER | ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE) | CONFIDENCE | LAST VERIFIED |
|------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Freedom    | —                        | MEDIUM     | 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.

## How to start — 60-second path

Glacier County, Montana — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

**Yes**

STATE SALES CAP

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

**Conditional**

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

**Yes**

INSPECTION

**Upon-complaint**

PETS

**Not specified in state cottage food law; individual county health departments may have additional requirements.**

### BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Montana cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

### LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ Montana home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

### CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Montana label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

## MONTANA: GLACIER COUNTY

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## Glacier County

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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Cottage food operations must register with local health authority under Mont. Code §50-50-117. Non-potentially-hazardous foods only under standard cottage food track (§50-50-116). Products sold direct-to-consumer at farmers markets, events, and from home; no consignment/retail/wholesale. The Montana Local Food Choice Act (Mont. Code §§50-49-201 et seq.) provides an additional pathway for direct producer-to-consumer sales of virtually any homemade food without licensing or inspection requirements, provided the sale is in-state and consumers are informed the food is unlicensed and uninspected. No sales cap under either track.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state cottage food law; individual county health departments may have additional requirements.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No specific Glacier County cottage food or home occupation rules found. City of Cut Bank may have business license requirements. Recommend verifying with Glacier County planning/zoning department.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (No routine inspection under standard cottage food law. Local health authority access may be granted upon complaint. Under MLFCA track, no inspection required.)

## Home kitchen rules

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

Yes — Cottage food operations must register with local health authority under Mont. Code §50-50-117. Non-potentially-hazardous foods only under standard cottage food track (§50-50-116). Products sold direct-to-consumer at farmers markets, events, and from home; no consignment/retail/wholesale. The Montana Local Food Choice Act (Mont. Code §§50-49-201 et seq.) provides an additional pathway for direct producer-to-consumer sales of virtually any homemade food without licensing or inspection requirements, provided the sale is in-state and consumers are informed the food is unlicensed and uninspected. No sales cap under either track.

## SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

## PET RESTRICTIONS

Not specified in state cottage food law; individual county health departments may have additional requirements.

## WATER SUPPLY

Not specified in state cottage food law.

## HANDWASHING

Standard food safety sanitation practices required; products must comply with applicable food standards.

## FOOD STORAGE

Products must be non-potentially hazardous (standard cottage food track) or properly disclosed as unlicensed/uninspected (MLFCA track). Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

**Inspection & permitting**

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| INSPECTION REQUIRED    | Upon-complaint — No routine inspection under standard cottage food law. Local health authority access may be granted upon complaint. Under MLFCA track, no inspection required.                                    |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | Conditional — No specific Glacier County cottage food or home occupation rules found. City of Cut Bank may have business license requirements. Recommend verifying with Glacier County planning/zoning department. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | Varies                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

**Customer-facing rules**

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Conditional                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Direct-to-consumer sales permitted at farmers markets, events, and from home. Under standard cottage food (§50-50-116), no consignment, retail, or wholesale sales. Under MLFCA, any direct producer-to-consumer in-state transaction is permissible if consumer is informed food is unlicensed/uninspected. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | Not specified in state cottage food law.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

**Relevant county code**

Mont. Code §50-50-116 and §50-50-117 (cottage food); Mont. Code §§50-49-201 et seq. (Local Food Choice Act)

**RESEARCH NOTES**

No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinances found for Glacier County. County borders Glacier National Park and Blackfeet Indian Reservation. Governance follows state law. Recommend verifying with Glacier County Planning and local health department for any local registration or business license requirements.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.glaciercounty.gov>

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/fcs/foodsafety/cottagefoods>

[https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title\\_0500/chapter\\_0500/part\\_0010/section\\_0160/0500-0500-0010-0160.html](https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0500/chapter_0500/part_0010/section_0160/0500-0500-0010-0160.html)

**Questions about this county?** Local notes and a place to leave a question: [crosodo.com/nb/montana/glacier-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/montana/glacier-county-discuss)

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Glacier County                                                                                                                                  | Pondera County                                                                                                                                  | Toole County                                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Not specified in state cottage food law; individual county health departments may have additional requirements.                                 | Pets must be excluded from kitchen during production                                                                                            | Pets must be excluded from kitchen during production                                                                                            |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                  | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                  | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                  |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct-to-consumer sales permitted at farmers markets, events, and from home. Under standard cottage food (\$50-50-116), no consignment, ret... | Face-to-face transaction required. Online advertising allowed but actual sale must be in-person. No third-party delivery services. Producer...  | Face-to-face transaction required. Online advertising allowed but actual sale must be in-person. No third-party delivery services. Producer...  |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          | Varies                                                                                                                                          |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Cottage food operations must register with local health authority under Mont. Code §50-50-117. Non-potentially-hazardous foods only under s...  | Must produce in primary residence kitchen. Pets must be excluded during production. No routine inspection. One-time \$40 registration fee wi... | Must produce in primary residence kitchen. Pets must be excluded during production. No routine inspection. One-time \$40 registration fee wi... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Products must be non-potentially hazardous (standard cottage food track) or properly disclosed as unlicensed/uninspected (MLFCA track). Pro...  | Products stored appropriately; temporary vehicle storage for transport only                                                                     | Products stored appropriately; temporary vehicle storage for transport only                                                                     |
| POPULATION                 | 13,781                                                                                                                                          | 5,813                                                                                                                                           | 4,976                                                                                                                                           |

## State context — Montana cottage food law

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

### STATUTE

Mont. Code §50-50-116 and §50-50-117 (cottage food); Mont. Code §§50-49-201 et seq. (Local Food Choice Act)

### ANNUAL SALES CAP

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### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

### FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

### KITCHEN INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

### DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

### INDIRECT SALES

No — Consignment sales at retail food establishments or through wholesale establishments are explicitly prohibited under §50-50-116(3). The Montana Local Food Choice Act also requires direct producer-to-informed-end-consumer transactions only; retail locations require a wholesale food license.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Montana cottage food law report](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: [crosodo.com/states/montana](https://crosodo.com/states/montana).

### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: [https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title\\_0500/chapter\\_0500/part\\_0010/section\\_0160/0500-0500-0010-0160.html](https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0500/chapter_0500/part_0010/section_0160/0500-0500-0010-0160.html)

State dept cottage food page: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/fcs/foodsafety/cottagefoods>

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

**Questions about Glacier County?** Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

[crosodo.com/nb/montana/glacier-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/montana/glacier-county-discuss)

## Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

### NATIONAL

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##### Advertise here — Courses

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[crosodo.com/nb/montana/glacier-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/montana/glacier-county-discuss)

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