

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Morris County

New Jersey · Morristown · FIPS 34027 · Population 508,816 ·  
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## STATE BASELINE

N.J.A.C. 8:24-11 et seq.

## STATE TIER

Poor

## ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

50000

## CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

## LAST VERIFIED

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 (Must produce only non-TCS foods on state-approved list. Local zoning board approval required. \$100 permit fee. Food protection manager certificate required.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific state cottage food pet restriction specified

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (New Jersey requires local zoning board approval as prerequisite to state permit. Morris County has 39 municipalities, each with its own zoning board. Contact local municipal zoning office.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No kitchen inspection required under NJ cottage food law)

**Home kitchen rules**

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Must produce only non-TCS foods on state-approved list. Local zoning board approval required. \$100 permit fee. Food protection manager certificate required.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific state cottage food pet restriction specified
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Proof of safe water required (water bill or well test)
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Implied by food protection manager certification requirement
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; standard kitchen storage

**Inspection & permitting**

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No kitchen inspection required under NJ cottage food law
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Yes — New Jersey requires local zoning board approval as prerequisite to state permit. Morris County has 39 municipalities, each with its own zoning board. Contact local municipal zoning office.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Yes
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	Conditional
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales to consumers only. \$50,000 annual sales cap. Approved foods list only. Online sales and delivery within NJ. No wholesale.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Not specified in state law

**Relevant county code**

N.J.A.C. 8:24-11. Local zoning varies by municipality in Morris County.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

Same NJ state baseline. Morris County is an affluent suburban county in northern NJ. 39 municipalities. State: CFPM certification, local zoning board approval, \$100 fee, \$50,000 cap, no pre-operational inspection. State does not preempt local zoning. No county URL provided in input. Confidence medium.

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**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

<https://www.nj.gov/health/cottagefood/>

<https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/phfpp/cottage-food-operator/>

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

## State context — New Jersey cottage food law

Morris County's rules sit on top of New Jersey'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> N.J.A.C. 8:24-11 et seq.	<b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b> 50000
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b> Yes	<b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b> Yes
<b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b> No	<b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b> Yes

### INDIRECT SALES

No — Cottage food products may only be delivered or relinquished at: the operator's home (not for onsite consumption), the consumer's NJ home, a NJ farmers market or other permitted NJ location. Products cannot be sold to wholesale establishments, retail food establishments, or shipped out of state. Online and phone order-taking is allowed as an ancillary activity, but physical delivery must occur in New Jersey person-to-person or at permitted locations. Charitable bake sales remain exempt under separate provisions.

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

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: [https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/documents/phfpp/njac8\\_24.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/documents/phfpp/njac8_24.pdf)

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/phfpp/cottage-food-operator/>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/new-jersey/>

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