

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Passaic County

New Jersey · Paterson · FIPS 34031 · Population 519,986 ·
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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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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

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. Passaic County has 16 municipalities, each with its own zoning board. Passaic County is densely urban (Paterson, Clifton, etc.). 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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	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 DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction specified
WATER SUPPLY	Proof of safe water required (water bill or well test)
HANDWASHING	Implied by food protection manager certification requirement
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; standard kitchen storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No kitchen inspection required under NJ cottage food law
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — New Jersey requires local zoning board approval as prerequisite to state permit. Passaic County has 16 municipalities, each with its own zoning board. Passaic County is densely urban (Paterson, Clifton, etc.). Contact local municipal zoning office.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

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

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

Same NJ state baseline. Passaic County is a densely populated county near New York City. 16 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.

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/passaic-county-discuss>

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Passaic County	Morris County	Essex County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state cottage food pet restriction specified	No specific state cottage food pet restriction specified	Not specified; standard sanitation applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales to consumers only. \$50,000 annual sales cap. Approved foods list only. Online sales and delivery within NJ. No wholesale.	Direct sales to consumers only. \$50,000 annual sales cap. Approved foods list only. Online sales and delivery within NJ. No wholesale.	Direct-to-consumer only. Online orders allowed with in-person delivery. No mail/carrier delivery. No wholesale. \$50,000 annual cap.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Yes	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must produce only non-TCS foods on state-approved list. Local zoning board approval required. \$100 permit fee. Food protection manager cert...	Must produce only non-TCS foods on state-approved list. Local zoning board approval required. \$100 permit fee. Food protection manager cert...	Must be operator's private home kitchen. State permit required (\$100, 2-year). Food Protection Manager certification required. Local zoning...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; standard kitchen storage	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; standard kitchen storage	Standard food storage per N.J.A.C. 8:24-11
POPULATION	519,986	508,816	853,374

State context — New Jersey cottage food law

Passaic 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.

STATUTE N.J.A.C. 8:24-11 et seq.	ANNUAL SALES CAP 50000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED Yes	FOOD HANDLER CERT Yes
KITCHEN INSPECTION No	DIRECT SALES ONLY 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.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: 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/>

Questions?

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