

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Trumbull County

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## STATE BASELINE

O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20

## STATE TIER

**Good**

## ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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## 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 (Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen without registration. Must follow approved product list (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No reduced oxygen packaging. Products cannot be sold outside Ohio. Trumbull County (Warren/Youngstown area) zoning administered at township/municipal level.)

### SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

### PETS ALLOWED?

Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food; GMP practices apply.

### HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Trumbull County unincorporated areas: home occupation rules enforced by individual townships. Municipalities (Warren, Niles, Girard, etc.) have their own zoning. Contact relevant township or municipal zoning office. Ohio cottage food URL for the county govt is [co.trumbull.oh.us](http://co.trumbull.oh.us).)

### ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

### INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection under Ohio cottage food law. ODA may investigate upon complaint.)

## Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food; GMP practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement for cottage food under Ohio state law.
HANDWASHING	Standard handwashing per GMP guidelines.
FOOD STORAGE	Approved product list compliance required. Standard GMP storage.

## Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Ohio cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales from home, events, farmers markets, and online. Products must stay within Ohio.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No state-level employee cap. Township/municipal zoning may restrict non-resident employees.

### Relevant county code

O.R.C. §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04; Trumbull County township zoning ordinances

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Ohio state baseline applies. Trumbull County (county seat: Warren) is in northeastern Ohio, part of the Youngstown-Warren-Boardman metro area. No county-specific overrides found. Zoning administered at township/municipal level.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.trumbull.oh.us>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

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

## State context — Ohio cottage food law

Trumbull County's rules sit on top of Ohio'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>	<b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b>
O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20	—
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b>	<b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b>
No	No
<b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b>	<b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b>
No	No
<b>INDIRECT SALES</b>	
Yes — Labeled cottage food products may be sold to or used by retail food establishments and food service operations licensed under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3717. This enables indirect/wholesale sales within Ohio. Products may not be sold outside the state of Ohio.	

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

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3715.025>

State dept cottage food page: <https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

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

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