

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Sheboygan County

Wisconsin · Sheboygan · FIPS 55117 · Population 117,741 ·  
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## STATE BASELINE

Wis. Stat. §97.29 (Pickle Bill: home-canned acidified foods up to \$5,000 at community events/farmers markets); Kivirist court order (2017, unlicensed home bakers allowed); direct sales only

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Freedom	Tiered	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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### QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Wisconsin: (1) Pickle Bill (§97.29) allows home-canned acidified foods with pH ≤4.6 up to \$5,000/year at community events or farmers markets; (2) Kivirist allows home bakers to sell shelf-stable baked goods without license; (3) 2024 Court of Appeals ruling limits Kivirist to baked goods only, not unbaked goods. Sheboygan County follows state framework.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (No specific Sheboygan County home occupation permit requirements found for cottage food. Local zoning (county unincorporated and city of Sheboygan) may have home occupation requirements. Contact Sheboygan County Planning or city of Sheboygan zoning.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspection required under Kivirist/Pickle Bill. Complaint-driven investigation possible.)

### Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Wisconsin: (1) Pickle Bill (§97.29) allows home-canned acidified foods with pH ≤4.6 up to \$5,000/year at community events or farmers markets; (2) Kivirist allows home bakers to sell shelf-stable baked goods without license; (3) 2024 Court of Appeals ruling limits Kivirist to baked goods only, not unbaked goods. Sheboygan County follows state framework.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required; no specific county overlay.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Standard food safety practices; no mandatory certification.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable non-TCS baked goods and home-canned acidified foods (pH ≤4.6). Unbaked goods (chocolates, fudge, candy) require food processing plant license per 2024 court ruling.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspection required under Kivirist/Pickle Bill. Complaint-driven investigation possible.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — No specific Sheboygan County home occupation permit requirements found for cottage food. Local zoning (county unincorporated and city of Sheboygan) may have home occupation requirements. Contact Sheboygan County Planning or city of Sheboygan zoning.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Wisconsin: direct sales only. Pickle Bill: community events and farmers markets only. Kivirist: direct consumer sales at low volume. No wholesale or retail.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local zoning may apply.

### Relevant county code

Wis. Stat. §97.29

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Note: Input data has parsing issues (county\_govt\_url shows 'Freedom' which appears to be a data entry error; actual WI tier is Freedom). Sheboygan County includes Sheboygan (pop ~50K). Wisconsin cottage food landscape shaped by case law and statute. 2024 Court of Appeals significantly limited Kivirist to baked goods only. Confidence medium.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

Freedom

[https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/CottageFoodLaws.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CottageFoodLaws.aspx)

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/97/29>

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

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Sheboygan County	Fond du Lac County	Washington County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.	No specific state restriction.	Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Wisconsin: direct sales only. Pickle Bill: community events and farmers markets only. Kivist: direct consumer sales at low volume. No who...	Baked goods: direct-to-consumer, any channel, low volume. Pickles: community events and farmers markets only, \$5,000/year cap. Unbaked good...	Direct sales at community events and farmers markets for home-canned goods (up to \$5,000/year). Baked goods: direct-to-consumer at low volu...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Wisconsin: (1) Pickle Bill (\$97.29) allows home-canned acidified foods with pH ≤4.6 up to \$5,000/year at community events or farmers market...	Wisconsin's cottage food landscape: (1) §97.29(2)(b)2: home-canned pickles/acidified vegetables (pH 4.6 or lower) at community events or fa...	Under Wis. Stat. §97.29(2)(b)2, home-canned pickles and acidified vegetables/fruits (pH 4.6 or lower) may be sold at community events or fa...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS baked goods and home-canned acidified foods (pH ≤4.6). Unbaked goods (chocolates, fudge, candy) require food processin...	Baked goods only under Kivist. Pickles/acidified vegetables under Pickle Bill (\$5,000 cap). Unbaked goods require DATCP food processing p...	Home-canned: pH 4.6 or lower. Baked goods: shelf-stable, nonhazardous. Stored in food-safe containers.
POPULATION	117,741	104,027	136,842

## State context — Wisconsin cottage food law

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

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### STATUTE

Wis. Stat. §97.29

### ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

### FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

### KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

### DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

### INDIRECT SALES

No — Home-canned goods must be sold at community or social events or farmers' markets in Wisconsin (§97.29(2)(b)2.b). The Kivist court order applies to direct-to-consumer sales by home bakers. Products cannot be sold to retail food establishments or distributed through wholesale channels without a license.

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

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/97/29>

State dept cottage food page: [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/CottageFoodLaws.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CottageFoodLaws.aspx)

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

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## Questions?

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