

Commissary Kitchens

If your production has outgrown your home kitchen, or you would like to produce something for which you need a commercial kitchen, here is some guiding information.

What is a Commissary Kitchen: A commissary is a commercial kitchen that rents space in their registered facility to other food service providers. They are often used by Caterers to prepare food, but can be used by any food business that needs access to a commercial kitchen without buying or renting an entire facility.

Do I need to use one: It depends on the product you are making, where you want to sell it, and how much you are selling.

- If it is an item not approved for production in a cottage kitchen, then this is a good option.
- If you are looking to sell at farmers markets and other stores it may help to use a commissary kitchen, but Class B Cottage kitchen laws may also work depending on the organization.
- If you are making over \$50,000 in revenue per year you are no longer eligible for the cottage kitchen laws.
- It may also be time to move to a commissary if your spouse is tired of fresh baked pies and other treats in the house!

What if there are none available near me?: If you can't find a commissary kitchen with space close by, you can always talk to friends or local food businesses that have a commercial food license, and ask to use their extra space when available. Many Bakeries, Caterers, and Restaurants have extra space, and may be willing to rent it out on a case by case basis. This mostly requires them to fill out a form as a "Commissary," and they may assume some of the food safety risk. You can also contact the Office of Environmental Health Services for this and other questions.

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
Environmental Health Services
2156 Sierra Way
PO Box 1489, San Luis Obispo, California 93406

Phone: (805) 781-5544
Fax: (805) 781-4211

Kitchen Directory Resources:

Culinary Incubator:

<http://www.culinaryincubator.com/maps.php?state=CA#mapb72>

Cook It Here

<http://www.cookithere.com/>

SLO County Better Business Bureau

<https://www.bbb.org/us/ca/san-luis-obispo>

While we do our best to keep this list updated, changes may be needed. Please [let us know](#) if you find any of the kitchens are no longer being rented, and also if there are others that should be added to the list.

SLO County Commissary Kitchens

The Kitchen Terminal (TKT)

Contact: Sunita Singh

sunita@thekitchenterminal.com

<https://thekitchenterminal.com>

1. Are you available to local food producers: **Yes**
2. Where are you located: **4750 Allene Way, by SLO airport**
3. When are you open: **24/7 access granted by individual codes**
4. Cost: **Hourly rate for kitchen space is \$20/hr, and \$15/ hr for cold prep stations.**
5 hour minimum per booking.
Retail rate of \$19/hr for 20-30 hours a month, discounted rate of \$18/hr for over 30 hours a month.
Exclusive kitchen packages available.
***Rates available until March 2022.**

5. What facilities do you have: **4 kitchens onsite. Equipment includes six-burner ranges, commercial mixer, connections ovens, char grills, stock-pot range and tilt skillet. Large walk-in coolers and reach-in fridges. We also have food truck stalls.**
6. Are you certified with county: **We are county, state and USDA certified.**
7. Any special details etc.: **Our facility is secure and state of the art. We are certified for wholesale and USDA. Organic certification can be obtained at the facility as well. Shared and exclusive options available.**

SLO's Finest Catering- San Luis Obispo

Contact: John Carswell

(805)801-4967

SLOsFinestCatering@gmail.com

<http://www.slofinest.com/about-us/>

1. Are you available to local food producers: **Yes**
2. Where are you located: **3563 Sueldo St. near S. Higuera**
3. When are you open: **24/7 lock box code scheduling pretty full**
4. Cost: **Initially \$20 an hour, then \$19 an hour from 20-30 hours a month, and then \$18 and hour over 30 hours a month. A minimum of \$125 per month for 5-hours a month 200 per month 10 minimum caters higher**
5. What facilities do you have?: **Full facility with stove tops, ovens, large mixers, and can accommodate multiple people at once. Freezer and shelf storage with additional charge.**
6. Are you certified with county?: **Yes, both with county and state.**
7. Any special details etc. : **Currently using for tea, salsa, cake, and catering services. Food producers can be organically certified out of this facility.**

Atascadero Lake Pavilion- Atascadero

1. Are you available to local food producers?: **Yes**
2. Where are you located?: **9315 Pismo Ave, Atascadero, CA.**
3. When are you open?: **Mostly week days**
4. Cost: **\$52 for residents, \$54 for non-residents**

5. What facilities do you have?: **Kitchen for caterers and other producers**
6. Are you certified with the county?: **Yes**

Mr. C's Catering- Atascadero

8550 El Camino Real Atascadero, CA 93422

805-461-3614 or 805-610-3808

mrcscat@sbcglobal.net

<http://mrcscatering.com>

1. Are you available to local food producers: **Yes**
2. Cost: Minimum 15 hours kitchen use - **\$295.00/month, Maximum 60 hours kitchen use - \$595.00/month. \$15/hour over minimum usage. See [website](#) for more details.**
3. What facilities you have: **Equipment for caterers, bakers, confectioners, or those with a unique product line.**
4. Are you certified with county: **Yes**
5. Any special details etc.: **We rent kitchen time out to small companies just starting out new in the food service Industry. We offer 24/7 operating availability to use when needed. New tenants must be willing to obtain the proper Health and Business license permits with a commercial liability insurance policy. Tenants may use the minimum hours anytime during the month. Refrigerator space is included with rent. Freezer space is an additional cost per month.**

Morro Bay Community Center-Morro Bay

1001 Kennedy Way, Morro Bay, CA 93442

(805)772-6278

egallardo@morrobayca.gov

1. Are you available to local food producers?: **Yes**
2. Where are you located?: **1001 Kennedy Way, Morro Bay, CA 93442**
3. When are you open?: **Week days 8am-5am, weekends limited access due to events and need to be combined with a room rental.**
4. Cost: **\$21/hour for residents or non-profit, \$26/hour non-residents and for-profit.**

5. What facilities you have?: **2 kitchens, Working kitchen: with mixers, stoves etc. Caters kitchen: has oven's. Both have access to the BBQ area as well as fridge and freezer space and an ice machine. Utensils and cookware not included in rentals.No storage in kitchen.**
6. Are you certified with county?: **Yes, businesses need license and paperwork**
7. Any special details etc.: **Yearly refundable deposit of \$150. Must get own liability insurance.**

Morro Bay Veterans Building-Morro Bay

209 Surf St, Morro Bay, CA 93442

(805)772-6278

egallardo@morrobayca.gov

1. Are you available to local food producers?: **Yes**
2. Where are you located?: **209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, CA 93442**
3. When are you open?: **7am-11pm, Week days**
4. Cost: **\$21/hour for residents or non-profit, \$26/hour non-residents and for-profit.**
5. What facilities you have?: **2 kitchens, Working kitchen: with mixers, stoves etc. Caters kitchen: has ovens. Both have access to the BBQ area as well as fridge and freezer space and an ice machine. No storage in the kitchen.**
6. Are you certified with county?: **Yearly refundable deposit of \$150. Must get own liability insurance.**

Joslyn Recreation Center-Cambria

1. Are you available to local food producers?: **Yes**
2. Where are you located?: **950 Main St., Cambria CA 93428**
3. When are you open?: **By scheduling mostly weekdays.**
4. Cost: **\$50/hour plus deposit and contract filled out.**
5. What facilities you have?: **fully equipped kitchen with gas stoves and griddle, commercial dishwasher, oven, refrigerators, freezer, and preparation sink.**
6. Are you certified with the county?: **Yes**
7. Any special details etc. **Scheduling has to be around meetings**

Atascadero Masonic Lodge

2607 Traffic Way Atascadero CA 93422

(805)610-0365

Contact: Charles Brownell

The Freemason and Eastern Star organizations are comprised of individuals who believe in a system of morality, friendship, brotherly/sisterly love, and with deep spiritual convictions open to all faiths. The Atascadero Lodge originally chartered in 1920, is now housed in an attractive, newer building on Traffic Way and is open to rent for events of all occasions. The Lodge has a county licensed commercial kitchen that is available for rent.

Toricella Catering (Grover Beach)

967 Huber St.

Grover Beach CA 93433

Large walk-in, 60qt dough mixer, Large Freezer, Office space, Storage, All kitchen appliances and Apparatus

Phone:(805) 904-8589

Email: torricellacatering@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.toricellacatering.com>

Social:https://www.facebook.com/pg/Toricellacatering/about/?ref=page_internal

Santa Barbara County

Goodland Kitchen and Market

231 South Magnolia Avenue Goleta, CA 93117

(805) 845-4300

Goodland Kitchen is a commercial kitchen that can be rented by the hour. Food artisans can rent space and prepare their products in a licensed facility. Clients can rent exactly as many hours as they need, so they can meet their business goals by keeping their costs low. Additionally the kitchen is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week in Old Town Goleta. Goodland Kitchen rents the use of its facility and equipment on an

hourly basis to local food producers and re-packagers. GLK ensures that the facility is licensed and insured. It provides for the maintenance and overall cleanliness of the buildings environment. Additionally clients are entitled to limited storage of personal tools and food stuffs. They may receive and distribute their product from the facility and if they choose, they may use the street address or the post office box to receive mail

Ventura County

Commercial Kitchen Timeshare

2646 Palma Dr, Ventura, CA 93003

Phone: 805 797-5292

edgar@epicurecatering.com

We have a large commercial kitchen which has available time slots for the budding culinary entrepreneur. Included in this can be storage in our large warehouse and walk-in. Also we can accommodate your equipment.

Please call or e-mail if interested.

Pastry/Bakery Kitchen

1445 Stellar Dr, Oxnard, CA 93033

Phone: (310) 210-4037 Phone 2: (805) 248-7742

bernard@duvergermacarons.com

Kitchen Description: Large licensed pastry/bakery commercial kitchen located in Oxnard offers time-slots and co-packing opportunities for pastry/bakery entrepreneur. We are equipped with mixers (20, 40, 80Qt), electric kettles, rotating double-rack ovens, stainless prep tables, industrial dish-washer, packaging machines (sealer, heat tunnel, box machine, metal detector), cookie depositor, racks & sheet pans, and cooler/freezer walk-ins. Dry storage also available in our large warehouse.

Summit Kitchen

1673 Donlon St. Suite 205. Ventura CA 93401

Phone: 8055515061 Phone 2: 805-551-5061

becky@summitkitchen.net

<http://summitkitchen.net>

Kitchen Description: Summit Kitchen is Ventura County's number one commercial kitchen rental facility. A shared –use facility, for those entrepreneurs involved in the food preparation business. Rental available 24/7. Large walk-ins, warehouse and dry storage rooms. Exceptionally clean!