

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Brevard County

Florida · Titusville · FIPS 12009 · Population 610,723 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Fla. Stat. \$500.80	Great	250000	HIGH	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.

How to start — 60-second path

Brevard County, Florida — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

250000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

No specific state cottage food pet restriction

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Florida cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ Florida home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

Open the live county page →

Florida label one-pager →

Local notes & questions →

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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Population 610,723 · State baseline: Fla. Stat. §500.80 · **HIGH**

QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Any non-TCS (not potentially hazardous) food that does not require temperature control for safety. No license, permit, registration, or inspection required before operations. No food handler training required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

No (Florida Fla. Stat. §500.80(6) contains a strong state preemption clause — local governments cannot impose additional regulations on cottage food operations. Brevard County cannot require a cottage food-specific permit. General home-based business rules under Fla. Stat. §559.955 still apply, but local health/food-specific restrictions are preempted.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Inspections may only occur upon receipt of a consumer complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7))

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Any non-TCS (not potentially hazardous) food that does not require temperature control for safety. No license, permit, registration, or inspection required before operations. No food handler training required.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in state cottage food law
HANDWASHING	No specific requirement in state cottage food law
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage for shelf-stable non-TCS products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Inspections may only occur upon receipt of a consumer complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No — Florida Fla. Stat. §500.80(6) contains a strong state preemption clause — local governments cannot impose additional regulations on cottage food operations. Brevard County cannot require a cottage food-specific permit. General home-based business rules under Fla. Stat. §559.955 still apply, but local health/food-specific restrictions are preempted.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	No restrictions on sales venues. Online sales and mail/delivery permitted including across state lines (since 2021). No wholesale to retail stores or restaurants. \$250,000 annual gross sales cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80 (state preemption applies statewide including Brevard County)

RESEARCH NOTES

Florida is a Great-tier state with strong local preemption. No local registration, permit, or inspection allowed for cottage food. Brevard County (including Titusville, Melbourne, Palm Bay, Cocoa areas) cannot impose any additional cottage food regulations beyond state law. \$250,000 annual cap. Required label: name, address, product name, ingredients, net weight, allergens, and statement 'Made in a cottage food operation that is not subject to Florida's food safety regulations.' Confidence high based on confirmed state preemption under Fla. Stat. §500.80(6) and IJ research confirming local ordinances are preempted.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://brevard.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.brevardfl.gov>

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/florida/>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Food-Establishments/Cottage-Foods>

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/florida/brevard-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Brevard County	Volusia County	Seminole County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state cottage food pet restriction	No specific state cottage food pet restriction	Florida state law does not address pets in cottage food kitchens; standard food safety hygiene applies.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	No restrictions on sales venues. Online sales and mail/delivery permitted including across state lines (since 2021). No wholesale to retail...	No restrictions on sales venues. Online sales and mail/delivery permitted including across state lines. No wholesale to retail stores or re...	Under Florida §500.80(2), products may be delivered in person to consumer, specific event venue, or by USPS/ commercial carrier. Online orde...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	No	No	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	No	No	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Any non-TCS (not potentially hazardous) food that does not require temperature control for safety. No license, permit, registration, or ins...	Any non-TCS food that does not require temperature control for safety. No license, permit, registration, or inspection required before oper...	Florida §500.80 requires production in the operator's residential kitchen only. Rented and commercial kitchens are not eligible. Florida pr...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage for shelf-stable non-TCS products	Standard home kitchen storage for shelf-stable non-TCS products	Products must be stored on the premises of the cottage food operation per §500.80(4).
POPULATION	610,723	558,520	471,321

State context — Florida cottage food law

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

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
Fla. Stat. §500.80	250000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
No	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
Upon-complaint	No
INDIRECT SALES	
Limited (see notes) — Florida prohibits wholesale sales but allows online, mail-order, and in-person sales including delivery to consumers; state law preempts local restrictions on cottage food operations.	

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **Florida cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/florida.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

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

Questions about Brevard County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

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