

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Broward County

Florida · Fort Lauderdale · FIPS 12011 · Population 1,940,907 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Fla. Stat. \$500.80	Great	250000	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.

How to start — 60-second path

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

250000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies by city

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

State baseline applies

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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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Florida state law preempts local regulation of cottage food operations. In the Broward Municipal Services District (unincorporated Broward), home-based businesses are permitted in all residential districts under Broward County Code Sec. 39-237, subject to limitations. Cottage food is not separately addressed in county code; operators must comply with home-based business rules. Most Broward residents are in incorporated municipalities with their own codes.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies by city (Broward County Sec. 39-237 allows home-based businesses in all residential zoning districts in unincorporated areas with limitations (no retail transactions at home, up to 2 non-resident employees, activities secondary to residential use). Incorporated municipalities (Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, Miramar, etc.) have their own home occupation permit requirements. No specific county cottage food permit found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (State: inspection only upon complaint. County: no separate cottage food inspection. Home-based business operations in unincorporated areas comply with Sec. 39-237 which does not require a specific permit for home occupation per state preemption.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

State baseline applies

WATER SUPPLY

State baseline applies

HANDWASHING

State baseline applies

FOOD STORAGE

Products may only be stored on cottage operation's premises (state baseline).

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	County code prohibits retail transactions at the home in unincorporated Broward. State law allows internet/mail order sales and event sales. State preemption bars county from restricting cottage food operations specifically.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Up to 2 non-resident employees/contractors permitted under Broward County Code Sec. 39-237 for home-based businesses

Relevant county code

Broward County Code of Ordinances Sec. 39-237 (Home-based business, BMSD/unincorporated areas)

RESEARCH NOTES

Broward County has very little unincorporated area (the BMSD); the vast majority of residents are in incorporated municipalities with their own codes. State preemption (Fla. Stat. §500.80(6)) prevents local prohibition or regulation of cottage food operations, but home-based business rules (§559.955) still apply. The county's home-based business ordinance (Sec. 39-237) allows up to 2 non-resident employees, prohibits on-site retail transactions, and requires activities to be secondary to residential use. No specific county cottage food permit requirement found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://broward.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.broward.org/Planning>

<https://www.broward.org>

https://www.zoneomics.com/code/broward-county-unincorporated-FL/chapter_15

<https://www.broward.org/Building/Zoning/Pages/Default.aspx>

[https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?](https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599%2F0500%2FSections%2F0500.80.html)

[App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599%2F0500%2FSections%2F0500.80.html](https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599%2F0500%2FSections%2F0500.80.html)

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Broward County	Palm Beach County	Miami-Dade County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	State baseline applies	State baseline applies	State baseline applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	County code prohibits retail transactions at the home in unincorporated Broward. State law allows internet/mail order sales and event sales...	State law allows internet/mail order sales, event sales. \$250,000 annual cap. No wholesale.	County COU limits customer/delivery parking to on-site or right-of-way directly in front of home. Business activities must not generate mor...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies by city	Varies by city	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city	Varies by city	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Florida state law preempts local regulation of cottage food operations. In the Broward Municipal Services District (unincorporated Broward)...	Florida state law preempts local regulation of cottage food. Palm Beach County has no county-specific cottage food permit beyond what is re...	Florida state law preempts local regulation of cottage food operations (\$500.80(6)). Miami-Dade County requires a Certificate of Use (COU) ...
FOOD STORAGE	Products may only be stored on cottage operation's premises (state baseline).	Products may only be stored on cottage operation's premises.	Products may only be stored on the cottage operation's premises (state baseline).
POPULATION	1,940,907	1,494,805	2,688,237

State context — Florida cottage food law

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

crosodo.com/nb/florida/broward-county-discuss

Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · crosodo.com/advertise

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SUPPLIES

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