

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Flagler County

Florida · Bunnell · FIPS 12035 · Population 117,515 · Crosodo Index #1195*

STATE BASELINE

Fla. Stat. \$500.80; \$250,000 annual sales cap; no registration; inspection upon complaint only; direct and limited indirect sales; strong state preemption of local restrictions

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

250000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices recommended.

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 allows any non-TCS food from a home kitchen with no registration or permit. Inspections only upon complaint. State preemption clause (§500.80(6)) prohibits local governments from restricting cottage food operations. Flagler County follows state baseline.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices recommended.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Florida state preemption clause (§500.80(6)) prohibits local governments from restricting cottage food operations. However, Florida §559.955 (Home-Based Business Act) still allows counties to require home-based business compliance with general home occupation rules. Flagler County may require home occupation or home-based business registration separate from food safety regulation. Contact Flagler County Planning or flaglercounty.gov for local zoning specifics.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Florida §500.80(7): inspections may only occur upon receipt of a consumer complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per state food safety standards.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; no mandatory training or certification for Florida cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only. TCS foods (requiring temperature control) prohibited.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Florida §500.80(7): inspections may only occur upon receipt of a consumer complaint.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Florida state preemption clause (§500.80(6)) prohibits local governments from restricting cottage food operations. However, Florida §559.955 (Home-Based Business Act) still allows counties to require home-based business compliance with general home occupation rules. Flagler County may require home occupation or home-based business registration separate from food safety regulation. Contact Flagler County Planning or flaglercounty.gov for local zoning specifics.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Florida allows online sales, mail-order delivery, direct sales, and no wholesale to distributors/retailers. \$250,000 annual cap. State preemption prevents local restriction of these channels.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Fla. Stat. §500.80; Fla. Stat. §559.955

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (FL tier Great). Florida's strong state preemption is a key feature. Flagler County (Palm Coast area) is a fast-growing coastal county. flaglercounty.gov is the official county URL but no cottage food-specific county pages were found. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.flaglercounty.gov>

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

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

<https://www.flaglercounty.gov>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Flagler County	Putnam County	St. Johns County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices recommended.	Not specified in state statute.	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Florida allows online sales, mail-order delivery, direct sales, and no wholesale to distributors/retailers. \$250,000 annual cap. State preemption clause...	Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. \$250,000 annual sales cap.	Direct and limited indirect sales; online, farmers markets, and events permitted
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Florida allows any non-TCS food from a home kitchen with no registration or permit. Inspections only upon complaint. State preemption clause...	Any non-TCS food. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Strong state preemption clause (§500.80(6)). Must comply with home-based...	Non-TCS foods only; labeling with disclaimer required; \$250,000 annual cap; no state license or inspection
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only. TCS foods (requiring temperature control) prohibited.	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods must be stored appropriately.	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods
POPULATION	117,515	73,604	278,722

State context — Florida cottage food law

Flagler 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 Flagler 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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Classifieds

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