

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Miami-Dade County

Florida · Miami · FIPS 12086 · Population 2,688,237 · Crosodo
Index #2171*

STATE BASELINE

Fla. Stat. \$500.80

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

250000

CONFIDENCE

HIGH

LAST VERIFIED

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

Miami-Dade County, Florida — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

250000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes

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 (§500.80(6))). Miami-Dade County requires a Certificate of Use (COU) for home occupation in unincorporated areas, and cottage food operations are explicitly noted in the COU application as limited to the kitchen area only (per §500.80). The COU must be renewed and inspected annually by September 30.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Miami-Dade County requires a Certificate of Use for Home Occupation (Miami-Dade County Code §33-25.1) for any home-based business in unincorporated areas, including cottage food. The COU application must include a floor plan and site plan. Fee applies. Annual renewal and inspection required by September 30. Application via Miami-Dade Building Department portal or in person at 11805 SW 26 St, Suite 106; phone 786-315-2660.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (State: inspection only upon complaint. County COU: annual renewal inspection by September 30. The department may enter premises only upon receipt of a complaint.)

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 the cottage operation's premises (state baseline).

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	County COU limits customer/delivery parking to on-site or right-of-way directly in front of home. Business activities must not generate more parking demand than a comparable residence. State law allows internet/mail order sales and event sales.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	2 non-resident employees maximum under Miami-Dade home occupation rules

Relevant county code

Miami-Dade County Code §33-25.1 (Home Occupation); Miami-Dade Zoning Dept COU Application form (notes cottage food limited to kitchen area)

RESEARCH NOTES

Miami-Dade County requires a Certificate of Use (Home Occupation) for cottage food operations in unincorporated areas, unlike most Florida counties which have no county-level home occupation permit requirement. The COU application form explicitly states cottage food is limited to the kitchen area. Annual COU inspection by September 30 required. State preemption means the county cannot prohibit or regulate the food safety aspects of the operation, but can regulate it as a home business. Max home occupation area: 25% of living area, not exceeding 500 sq ft.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://miamidade.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.miamidade.gov>

<https://www.miamidade.gov/zoning/library/forms/certificate-of-use-home-occupation.pdf>

<https://www.miamidade.gov/zoning/district-home-office.asp>

[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/miami-dade-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Miami-Dade County	Broward County	Collier County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	State baseline applies	State baseline applies	No specific state restriction.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	County COU limits customer/delivery parking to on-site or right-of-way directly in front of home. Business activities must not generate mor...	County code prohibits retail transactions at the home in unincorporated Broward. State law allows internet/mail order sales and event sales...	Sales from home, farmers markets, flea markets, roadside stands, online/mail-order. No wholesale.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Varies by city	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies by city	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Florida state law preempts local regulation of cottage food operations (§500.80(6)). Miami-Dade County requires a Certificate of Use (COU) ...	Florida state law preempts local regulation of cottage food operations. In the Broward Municipal Services District (unincorporated Broward)...	Florida cottage food law (Fla. Stat. §500.80) requires no license, permit, or registration. No inspection required. Products must be non-TC...
FOOD STORAGE	Products may only be stored on the cottage operation's premises (state baseline).	Products may only be stored on cottage operation's premises (state baseline).	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only.
POPULATION	2,688,237	1,940,907	380,221

State context — Florida cottage food law

Miami-Dade 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 Miami-Dade 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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