

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Greenville County

South Carolina · Greenville · FIPS 45045 · Population 528,251
· Crosodo Index #1130*

STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
S.C. Code §44-1-145	Good	—	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

Greenville County, South Carolina — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

All animals, including pets, must be kept out of the food production area at all times

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under South Carolina 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
- ☐ South Carolina home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[South Carolina label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

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

SOUTH CAROLINA: GREENVILLE COUNTY

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods only. No license, permit, or inspection required by the state. No food handler training required. All animals/pets must be excluded from food production area. No domestic activities in kitchen while processing. Water and sewage disposal must meet state standards.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Greenville County Home Occupation Application Guidelines (from official [greenvillecounty.org](https://www.greenvillecounty.org) PDF) explicitly lists 'Home-based food production operations (as covered under Section 44-1-143 of the State of South Carolina Code of Laws, commonly known as the Cottage Food Law)' as a permitted home occupation. Permit obtained via eTRAKiT portal. Conditions: only one non-family/non-resident employee; conducted only within principal dwelling; max 25% floor area; no on-site retail sale of goods manufactured off-premises; no merchandise visible from street; no outdoor storage; no alteration of residential character; one non-illuminated nameplate max 2 sq ft mounted on principal building wall; off-street parking per Table 12.1. Total permit fees: \$100. Contact: 336-641-3334 (SC code says 44-1-143 but county bulletin references 44-1-143; the operative current statute is 44-1-145 as amended 2022).)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No inspection required under SC cottage food law)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Non-potentially hazardous foods only. No license, permit, or inspection required by the state. No food handler training required. All animals/pets must be excluded from food production area. No domestic activities in kitchen while processing. Water and sewage disposal must meet state standards.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	All animals, including pets, must be kept out of the food production area at all times
WATER SUPPLY	Water and sewage disposal systems must meet state standards
HANDWASHING	Implied by food safety practices; no specific separate state requirement
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-PHF foods; no domestic activities in kitchen while processing food

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No inspection required under SC cottage food law
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Greenville County Home Occupation Application Guidelines (from official greenvillegov.org PDF) explicitly lists 'Home-based food production operations (as covered under Section 44-1-143 of the State of South Carolina Code of Laws, commonly known as the Cottage Food Law)' as a permitted home occupation. Permit obtained via eTRAKiT portal. Conditions: only one non-family/non-resident employee; conducted only within principal dwelling; max 25% floor area; no on-site retail sale of goods manufactured off-premises; no merchandise visible from street; no outdoor storage; no alteration of residential character; one non-illuminated nameplate max 2 sq ft mounted on principal building wall; off-street parking per Table 12.1. Total permit fees: \$100. Contact: 336-641-3334 (SC code says 44-1-143 but county bulletin references 44-1-143; the operative current statute is 44-1-145 as amended 2022).
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales at home, farmers markets, events; also permitted wholesale to restaurants and retail stores. Online sales and delivery permitted. No annual sales cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	One non-family/non-resident employee maximum

Relevant county code

Greenville County Zoning Ordinance Section 6:2(13) (Home Occupations). State: S.C. Code §44-1-145.

RESEARCH NOTES

Greenville County Home Occupation Application Guidelines PDF retrieved directly from [greenvillegov.org](https://www.greenvillegov.org/files/2020/06/Greenville-County-Home-Occupation-Guidelines.pdf). Explicitly names SC Cottage Food Law (§44-1-143) as a permitted home occupation category. County Zoning Ordinance Section 6:2(13) governs. One non-family employee allowed, 25% floor area limit, one 2 sq ft sign, \$100 permit fee, eTRAKiT application. SC state: no state license or inspection required; pets banned from production area; domestic activities banned in kitchen during processing. Business license required for tax purposes. Confidence high: official county document directly retrieved naming cottage food operations.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.greenvillegov.org>

https://www.greenvillegov.org/buildingsafety/forms/home_occupation_application_guidelines.pdf

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

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Greenville County	Spartanburg County	Anderson County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	All animals, including pets, must be kept out of the food production area at all times	All animals including pets must be excluded from production area during food production	No explicit pet restriction in South Carolina cottage food statute.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales at home, farmers markets, events; also permitted wholesale to restaurants and retail stores. Online sales and deli...	Direct to consumer including online and mail within SC; also to retail stores for resale	South Carolina cottage food law (2022 amendment) allows sales at home, events, online, mail-order, and through retail/ grocery stores. No wh...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. No license, permit, or inspection required by the state. No food handler training required. All anima...	No domestic activities in kitchen during production; pets excluded from production area; water/ sewage must meet state standards; non-TCS fo...	South Carolina cottage food law (§44-1-145, significantly amended 2022 by Act No. 208) allows non-PHF foods produced in a primary domestic ...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-PHF foods; no domestic activities in kitchen while processing food	Stored in sanitary conditions	Non-PHF (non-potentially hazardous) foods only. Standard GMP storage. Foods with pH above 5.6 or acidified foods with pH above 4.6 are pres...
POPULATION	528,251	330,119	204,592

State context — South Carolina cottage food law

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

STATUTE

S.C. Code §44-1-145

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

INDIRECT SALES

Yes — Since the 2022 amendment, home-based food operations may sell to retail stores and grocery stores in addition to direct-to-consumer sales including online and mail order. Retail stores that sell home-based food products must post clearly visible signage indicating the products are not subject to commercial food regulations.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [South Carolina cottage food law report](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/south-carolina.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t44c001.php>

State dept cottage food page: <https://agriculture.sc.gov/programs-services/cottage-food-operations/>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/south-carolina/>

Questions about Greenville 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/south-carolina/greenville-county-discuss

Classifieds

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

NATIONAL

SUPPLIES

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