

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Blount County, Alabama?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-05.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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ALABAMA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Alabama permits PDF](#)[Alabama cottage food law page](#)[Alabama Department of Public Health cottage food program](#)[Statute: Ala. Code §22-20-5.1](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Blount County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Blount County, Alabama. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Yes

LOCAL HEALTH

No

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Conditional

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

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Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

Alabama registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Indirect sales to grocery stores, restaurants, or wholesale are not permitted; producers may use an agent for delivery but cannot sell through retailers.

Alabama permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/alabama.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/alabama

Alabama Department of Public Health: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/foodsafety/cottage-food-law.html>

Statute: [Ala. Code §22-20-5.1](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Yes. Blount County Health Department approval is required before selling. Operators must complete a state-approved food safety course (e.g., Learn2Serve ~\$7, or ACES course with free videos and \$25 exam) and submit proof of training, a sample label, and product list to the county health department. Fees vary by county.

Health

No. No routine inspection specified; county health department approves initial application.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales only. Home pickup, farmers markets, events, online sales, and in-state shipping permitted. No wholesale to retail stores or restaurants.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

A commercial kitchen is a food establishment. Alabama cottage food is not a food-service permit. A commissary, restaurant, or shared kitchen is a food establishment permitted by the county health department. Ask that office for the food-facility application, not the cottage-food form.

Official source: [ADPH food protection](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.blountcounty.gov>

This file is the home-kitchen path. A rented kitchen uses a different permit. Ask the kitchen manager which license they expect, then call the local health office.

SOURCES

<https://www.blountcounty.gov>

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/foodsafety/cottage-food-law.html>

<https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/code-of-alabama>

Blount County and nearby places

Regulation	Blount County	Walker County	Cullman County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies	No specific state-level pet exclusion requirement in Alabama cottage food law, but good sanitary practices expected.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only. Home pickup, farmers markets, events, online sales, and in-state shipping permitted. No wholesale to retail stores or re...	Direct sales only; online sales and in-state shipping allowed since 2021. No interstate shipping.	Direct sales only within Alabama: in-person, phone orders, online sales with in-state delivery. Retail/wholesale not permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Alabama cottage food law (Ala. Code §22-20-5.1, amended 2021) requires completion of a state-approved food safety course and approval from ...	Must complete state-approved food safety course (e.g., Learn2Serve ~\$7 or ACES course) before selling. Application to local county health d...	Must operate from home kitchen. Only non-potentially hazardous foods are allowed (no meat, poultry, fish). Must complete a state-approved f...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only.	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods; proper storage required	No specific statutory storage requirements beyond general food safety practices.
POPULATION	59,077	64,978	88,284

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These Crosodo pages cover the same home cottage-food path:

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