

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

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 Tuscaloosa County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Tuscaloosa 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

Conditional

LOCAL HEALTH

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Yes

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

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

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Permit page for this place →

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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

Conditional. Tuscaloosa County and City of Tuscaloosa may require home occupation permits. County health dept approval required as part of cottage food registration.

Health

Yes. Initial Tuscaloosa County Health Department approval required; application review process

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales only; online and in-state shipping allowed. No wholesale.

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.tuscco.com>

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.tuscco.com>

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

Tuscaloosa County and nearby places

Regulation	Tuscaloosa County	Walker County	Bibb County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state statute; kitchen must be clean for health dept approval	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies	Not specified in state statute.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only; online and in-state shipping allowed. No wholesale.	Direct sales only; online sales and in-state shipping allowed since 2021. No interstate shipping.	Direct to consumer only within Alabama.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must complete state-approved food safety course before operating. Must get Tuscaloosa County Health Department approval. Application requir...	Must complete state-approved food safety course (e.g., Learn2Serve ~\$7 or ACES course) before selling. Application to local county health d...	Must produce non-potentially hazardous foods only (no meat/poultry/fish). Sales direct to consumer only within Alabama. Must complete ADPH-...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable; acidified foods require pH testing; freeze-dried require water-activity testing	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods; proper storage required	Not specifically regulated.
POPULATION	231,558	64,978	22,251

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

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