

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Alachua County, Florida?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

\$250,000 / year

FLORIDA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Florida permits PDF](#)[Florida cottage food law page](#)[Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services cottage food program](#)[Statute: Fla. Stat. §500.80](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Alachua County, Florida. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

\$250,000 / year

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Varies

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint

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.

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Florida permits PDF →](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/florida.pdf)

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

Where to file

State

Florida registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. 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.

Florida permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/florida.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/florida

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services: <https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

Statute: [Fla. Stat. §500.80](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. FL does not preempt local zoning. Alachua County and City of Gainesville (University of Florida) may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operator should verify with local planning

Health

Upon-complaint. FDACS or county health may investigate on complaint

Health: <https://alachua.floridahealth.gov>

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct and limited indirect sales; online, farmers markets, and events permitted

If you rent a commissary kitchen

DBPR or the local health department licenses food. Florida public food service is typically DBPR Hotels and Restaurants or the county health department, depending on the operation. Cottage food is a separate exemption. Ask which office licenses the kitchen you rent.

Official source: [Florida DBPR Hotels and Restaurants](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://alachua.floridahealth.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://alachua.floridahealth.gov>

<https://alachuacounty.us>

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

Alachua County and nearby places

Regulation	Alachua County	Marion County	Putnam County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies	No specific state restriction.	Not specified in state statute.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and limited indirect sales; online, farmers markets, and events permitted	Sales from home, farmers markets, flea markets, roadside stands, online/mail-order. No wholesale.	Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. \$250,000 annual sales cap.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Yes	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-TCS foods only; labeling with disclaimer required; \$250,000 annual cap; no state license or inspection	Florida cottage food law (Fla. Stat. §500.80) requires no license, permit, or registration. No inspection required. Products must be non-TC...	Any non-TCS food. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Strong state preemption clause (§500.80(6)). Must comply with home-based...
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only.	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods must be stored appropriately.
POPULATION	279,729	378,225	73,604

More pages for this place

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

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