

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
No	Conditional	Varies	\$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 Bay County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Bay 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

Conditional

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.

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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

Conditional. State preemption (§500.80(6)) prohibits local restrictions. However, producers must comply with home-based business rules under §559.955. Bay County has no verified county-level cottage food overlay beyond state law. County URLs were blank in input.

Health

Upon-complaint. Inspections only upon receipt of a consumer complaint per §500.80(7). No routine inspections.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. Direct sales from home and farmers markets allowed.

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://www.baycounty.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.baycounty.gov>

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

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

Bay County and nearby places

Regulation	Bay County	Walton County	Jackson County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.	Not specified in state statute.	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. Direct sales from home and farmers markets allowed.	Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. \$250,000 annual sales cap (one of the highest in the country). No wholesale to di...	Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permit...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-TCS foods only. Annual sales cap \$250,000. No wholesale. Strong state preemption (§500.80(6)) prohibits local government restrictions o...	Any food that does not require time/temperature control for safety (non-TCS). No registration, permit, or inspection required before beginn...	Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Product...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable products stored in clean, dry conditions.	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods must be stored appropriately.	Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; no garage/shed/ barn storage
POPULATION	181,055	76,618	47,704

More pages for this place

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

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