

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

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

What you need

Charlotte 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. Florida §500.80(6) preempts local cottage food restrictions. Charlotte County and City of Punta Gorda may have general home occupation or business registration requirements. Compliance with home-based business rules under §559.955 required. Contact Charlotte County Community Development or City of Punta Gorda Planning.

Health

Upon-complaint. Inspections only upon written consumer complaint (§500.80(7)). No routine or pre-operational inspections.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Florida cottage food permits online sales, mail-order delivery, home pickup, events. \$250,000 annual cap. No wholesale.

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.charlottecounty.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.charlottecounty.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

Charlotte County and nearby places

Regulation	Charlotte County	Highlands County	Hendry County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	False
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit pet restriction in Florida cottage food statute.	No specific state restriction in the cottage food statute.	No state or county-specific rule for cottage food
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint only
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Must comply with Hendry County signage ordinances
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Florida cottage food permits online sales, mail-order delivery, home pickup, events. \$250,000 annual cap. No wholesale.	Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. Direct-to-consumer and indirect sales (except wholesale) permitted. \$250,000 annu...	Direct-to-consumer; online/ mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/ consignm...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Likely; verify with Hendry County
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Likely; Hendry County local business tax receipt; contact Hendry County Tax Collector
RESTRICTIONS	Florida cottage food law (\$500.80) permits home kitchen production of non-TCS foods. No registration, permit, or pre-operational inspection...	Florida uses a broad non-TCS standard — any food that does not require time/temperature control for safety is allowed. Annual sales cap of ...	—
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only. Standard safe storage.	Non-TCS foods only. Foods requiring temperature control for safety (meat, dairy requiring refrigeration, custard-filled pastries, raw sprou...	Non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage
POPULATION	189,900	102,339	39,902

More pages for this place

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

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