

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Citrus 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	Yes	\$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 Citrus County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Citrus 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

Yes

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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[Florida cottage food law page →](#)

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[Citrus County cottage food law page →](#)

<https://crosodo.com/states/florida/citrus-county>

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. Citrus County allows home occupations as accessory use in residential zones (per CityRuleLookup, sourced from Citrus County Code of Ordinances via Municode, verified March 2026). A local business tax receipt and/or home occupation permit may be required. Business must be secondary to residential use. No external signage, no on-site employees, limited customer visits per county zoning. Retail walk-ins prohibited. Florida state preemption applies to cottage food-specific health restrictions.

Planning: <https://www.citruscounty.gov/planning>

Health

Upon-complaint. Inspections may only occur upon receipt of a consumer complaint (§500.80(7)).

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

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales, online sales, mail-order delivery all expressly permitted under state law. Customer pickup at home limited by county home occupation rules. Retail walk-ins prohibited by county zoning.

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://citrus.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://citrus.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.citruscounty.gov/planning>

<https://www.citruscounty.gov>

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

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/citrus-county-fl>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/citrus-county-fl>

<https://library.municode.com/>

Citrus County and nearby places

Regulation	Citrus County	Sumter County	Hernando County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.	Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen sanitation recommended.	No explicit pet restriction in Florida cottage food statute.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales, online sales, mail-order delivery all expressly permitted under state law. Customer pickup at home limited by county home occ...	Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. Direct and indirect sales allowed. Sales must remain within Florida (no interstat...	Florida cottage food permits online sales, mail-order delivery, home pickup, events. \$250,000 annual cap. No wholesale.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Florida allows cottage food from home kitchens with no registration, permit, or inspection required before operations. No food handler cert...	Annual gross sales capped at \$250,000. No registration, permit, or inspection required before beginning operations. No food handler certifi...	Florida cottage food law (\$500.80) permits home kitchen production of non-TCS foods. No registration, permit, or pre-operational inspection...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only; proper storage required.	Non-TCS foods only. Stored in food-safe containers.	Non-TCS foods only. Standard safe storage practices.
POPULATION	155,173	131,832	196,621

More pages for this place

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

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