

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

What you need

Escambia 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.

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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. Escambia County and City of Pensacola may have home occupation zoning requirements. FL does not preempt local zoning. Operator should verify with local planning

Health

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

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

<https://www.myescambia.com>

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

crosodo.com

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Escambia County and nearby places

Regulation	Escambia County	Santa Rosa County	Okaloosa County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.	No explicit pet restriction in Florida cottage food 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	Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. Sales at farmers markets, home, and other direct venues allowed.	Florida cottage food permits online sales, mail-order delivery, home pickup, and event/farmers market sales. \$250,000 annual cap. No wholes...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-TCS foods only; labeling with disclaimer required; \$250,000 annual cap; no state license required	Non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods only. Annual sales cap \$250,000. No wholesale. State preemption clause (§500.80(6))...	Florida cottage food law (§500.80) permits home kitchen production of non-TCS foods with no registration, permit, or inspection required be...
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods	Shelf-stable products stored in clean, dry conditions.	Non-TCS foods only. Standard safe storage practices.
POPULATION	321,296	188,994	212,021

More pages for this place

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

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