

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies by city

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies by city

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

What you need

Hillsborough 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 by city

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies by city

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)

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/florida.pdf>

[Florida cottage food law page →](https://crosodo.com/states/florida)

<https://crosodo.com/states/florida>

[Permit page for this place →](https://crosodo.com/what-permits/florida/hillsborough-county)

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/florida/hillsborough-county>

[Hillsborough County cottage food law page →](https://crosodo.com/states/florida/hillsborough-county)

<https://crosodo.com/states/florida/hillsborough-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

Varies by city. Florida state preemption bars local prohibition of cottage food. Home-based business conditions under §559.955 apply. Incorporated cities within Hillsborough County (Tampa, Temple Terrace, Plant City) may have home occupation permit requirements. No county-specific cottage food permit found.

Health

Upon-complaint. State: inspection only upon complaint (§500.80(7)). No county-level inspection authority for cottage food.

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

Business license

Varies by city

Pickup / delivery

State law allows internet/mail order sales, event sales. \$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://hillsborough.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://hillsborough.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org>

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

<https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?>

[App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599%2F0500%2FSections%2F0500.80.html](https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599%2F0500%2FSections%2F0500.80.html)

Hillsborough County and nearby places

Regulation	Hillsborough County	Pinellas County	Polk County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	State baseline applies	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated	Not specified in state law
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	State law allows internet/mail order sales, event sales. \$250,000 annual cap. No wholesale.	Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permit...	Home, online, mail-order, farmers markets, flea markets, roadside stands. No wholesale to restaurants/ grocery stores. \$250,000 annual cap.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies by city	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Florida state law preempts local regulation of cottage food. Hillsborough County has no county-specific cottage food permit beyond what is ...	Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Product...	Florida strong state preemption applies. Must be in operator's home kitchen only. Non-TCS foods only. Production and storage in single-fami...
FOOD STORAGE	Products may only be stored on cottage operation's premises.	Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; spare rooms or basements free of dampness/ pests a...	Storage in single-family domestic residence only; no outbuildings
POPULATION	1,468,560	959,918	736,229

More pages for this place

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

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

Florida cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/florida

Hillsborough County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/florida/hillsborough-county