

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

What you need

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

<https://crosodo.com/states/florida/lee-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. State preemption (§500.80(6)) prevents local restriction on cottage food operations. However, Lee County and municipalities (Fort Myers, Cape Coral, etc.) can regulate traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours. Contact Lee County Community Development for any applicable home occupation standard. Business tax receipt from Lee County Tax Collector may be required.

Planning: <https://www.leegov.com/dcd>

Health

Upon-complaint. Complaint only per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7). Lee County Health Department has no additional inspection authority.

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

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Home, online, mail-order, farmers markets, flea markets, roadside stands. Mail delivery permitted. No wholesale to restaurants or grocery stores. \$250,000 annual cap.

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://lee.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://lee.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.leegov.com/dcd>

<https://www.leegov.com>

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

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/florida/>

Lee County and nearby places

Regulation	Lee County	Collier County	Charlotte County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state law; no contamination	No specific state restriction.	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	Home, online, mail-order, farmers markets, flea markets, roadside stands. Mail delivery permitted. No wholesale to restaurants or grocery s...	Sales from home, farmers markets, flea markets, roadside stands, online/mail-order. No wholesale.	Florida cottage food permits online sales, mail-order delivery, home pickup, events. \$250,000 annual cap. No wholesale.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Yes	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Florida strong state preemption: local governments cannot restrict cottage food operations. Must be produced in operator's home kitchen onl...	Florida cottage food law (Fla. Stat. §500.80) requires no license, permit, or registration. No inspection required. Products must be non-TC...	Florida cottage food law (§500.80) permits home kitchen production of non-TCS foods. No registration, permit, or pre-operational inspection...
FOOD STORAGE	Storage in single-family domestic residence only; no garage/shed/barn/outbuilding storage	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only.	Non-TCS foods only. Standard safe storage.
POPULATION	772,902	380,221	189,900

More pages for this place

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

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