

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

What you need

Leon 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. FL does not preempt local zoning. Leon County and City of Tallahassee may have home occupation requirements. Tallahassee is state capital with active planning department. Operator should verify with local planning

Health

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

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

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct and limited indirect sales; online, farmers markets, 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://leon.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://leon.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.leoncountyfl.gov>

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

Leon County and nearby places

Regulation	Leon County	Gadsden County	Wakulla County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	True	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	False	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies	No state or county-specific rule for cottage food	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint only	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	True	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Must comply with Gadsden County signage ordinances	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and limited indirect sales; online, farmers markets, events permitted	Direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignm...	Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permit...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Likely; verify with Gadsden County Building & Zoning	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Likely; Gadsden County local business tax receipt; contact Gadsden County Tax Collector	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-TCS foods only; labeling with disclaimer required; \$250,000 annual cap; no state license or inspection	—	Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Product...
FOOD STORAGE	Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods	Non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage	Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; no garage/shed/barn storage
POPULATION	294,128	43,746	33,732

More pages for this place

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

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