

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Manatee 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

Yes

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

What you need

Manatee 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

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

Conditional. Manatee County requires local home occupation compliance and business tax receipt for home-based businesses. State preempts local ordinances from restricting cottage food production/storage/sale (§500.80(6)), but operations must comply with county ordinances on traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours.

Health

Upon-complaint. State may inspect only upon receipt of consumer complaint per §500.80(7).

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

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Sales from home, farmers markets, flea markets, roadside stands, online/mail-order. No wholesale sales.

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://manatee.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://manatee.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.mymanatee.org>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

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

Manatee County and nearby places

Regulation	Manatee County	Sarasota County	Polk County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction for cottage food operations.	No specific state restriction; however Sarasota County home occupation rules apply to home-based businesses generally.	Not specified in state law
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	No	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales from home, farmers markets, flea markets, roadside stands, online/mail-order. No wholesale sales.	Sales from home, at farmers markets, flea markets, roadside stands, online/mail-order. No sales at venues that require a food permit. Cotta...	Home, online, mail-order, farmers markets, flea markets, roadside stands. No wholesale to restaurants/grocery stores. \$250,000 annual cap.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Yes	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	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 (Fla. Stat. §500.80) requires no license, permit, or registration. No inspection required. Products must be non-TC...	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	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only.	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only.	Storage in single-family domestic residence only; no outbuildings
POPULATION	405,069	439,392	736,229

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