

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
No	Yes	Yes	\$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 Monroe County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Monroe 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

Yes

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

No

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

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

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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

Yes. Monroe County requires a Home Occupation Special Use Permit for residential businesses. Application fee: \$500 plus \$3 per property owner notification within 300-foot radius. The Director of Planning and Environmental Resources approves the permit. Key conditions: (1) home occupation is incidental/secondary to residential use; (2) must not change residential character; (3) max 1 non-resident employee; (4) may not exceed 20% of dwelling floor area; (5) no customer visits/retail sales requiring customers to come to the dwelling; (6) no outdoor signage; (7) no outdoor storage. The permit is not transferable.

Planning: <https://www.monroecounty.gov/planning>

Health

Upon-complaint. Inspections may occur only upon receipt of a complaint per §500.80(7).

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

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Monroe County's home occupation permit specifically prohibits retail sales that require customers to visit the residential dwelling unit. Cottage food sales must therefore be conducted off-site (farmers markets, events, delivery to customers) or online with delivery. Customer pickup at the home is not permitted under Monroe County's home occupation standards.

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://monroe.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://monroe.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.monroecounty.gov/planning>

<https://www.monroecounty-fl.gov>

<https://www.monroecounty-fl.gov/DocumentCenter/View/134/Home-Occ-062023?bidId=>

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

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0500/Sections/0500.80.html

Monroe County and nearby places

Regulation	Monroe County	Collier County	Miami-Dade County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific statutory restriction.	No specific state restriction.	State baseline applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	No	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Monroe County's home occupation permit specifically prohibits retail sales that require customers to visit the residential dwelling unit. C...	Sales from home, farmers markets, flea markets, roadside stands, online/mail-order. No wholesale.	County COU limits customer/delivery parking to on-site or right-of-way directly in front of home. Business activities must not generate mor...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Conditional	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Florida cottage food: no registration, permit, or inspection required before starting. Any non-TCS food allowed. \$250,000 annual sales cap....	Florida cottage food law (Fla. Stat. §500.80) requires no license, permit, or registration. No inspection required. Products must be non-TC...	Florida state law preempts local regulation of cottage food operations (§500.80(6)). Miami-Dade County requires a Certificate of Use (COU) ...
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only.	Products may only be stored on the cottage operation's premises (state baseline).
POPULATION	82,044	380,221	2,688,237

More pages for this place

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

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