

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

What you need

Okaloosa 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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[Florida permits PDF →](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/florida.pdf)

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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. Florida §500.80(6) preempts local cottage food restrictions. Okaloosa County and municipalities (Crestview, Fort Walton Beach, Niceville, Destin, etc.) may have general home occupation or business registration requirements. Compliance with home-based business rules under §559.955 required. Contact Okaloosa County Planning or relevant municipal planning office.

Health

Upon-complaint. Inspections only upon receipt of written consumer complaint (§500.80(7)). No routine or pre-operational inspections.

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

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Florida cottage food permits online sales, mail-order delivery, home pickup, and event/farmers market 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://okaloosa.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://okaloosa.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.okaloosacounty.gov>

<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

<https://okaloosa.floridahealth.gov>

Okaloosa County and nearby places

Regulation	Okaloosa County	Santa Rosa County	Walton County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit pet restriction in Florida cottage food statute.	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.	Not specified in state statute.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Florida cottage food permits online sales, mail-order delivery, home pickup, and event/farmers market sales. \$250,000 annual cap. No wholes...	Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. Sales at farmers markets, home, and other direct venues allowed.	Online sales and mail-order delivery expressly permitted. \$250,000 annual sales cap (one of the highest in the country). No wholesale to di...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Florida cottage food law (\$500.80) permits home kitchen production of non-TCS foods with no registration, permit, or inspection required be...	Non-TCS (non-time/temperature control for safety) foods only. Annual sales cap \$250,000. No wholesale. State preemption clause (\$500.80(6))...	Any food that does not require time/temperature control for safety (non-TCS). No registration, permit, or inspection required before beginn...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods only. Standard safe storage practices.	Shelf-stable products stored in clean, dry conditions.	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods must be stored appropriately.
POPULATION	212,021	188,994	76,618

More pages for this place

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

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