

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-06.

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

What you need

Washington 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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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 law (§500.80(6)) preempts local government from restricting cottage food operations. Cottage food operations must comply with applicable county and municipal laws regulating traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours of retail operation per §559.955. Contact Washington County Planning for any applicable home occupation standards.

Health

Upon-complaint. Complaint only per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7). No routine state inspections. Washington County has no additional inspection authority under state preemption.

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

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permitted since 2021. No wholesale to restaurants or grocery stores.

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://washington.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://washington.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.washingtoncountyfl.com>

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

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

Washington County and nearby places

Regulation	Washington County	Holmes County	Jackson County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	True	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	False	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated	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 Holmes County signage ordinances	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permit...	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	Conditional	Likely; verify with Holmes County	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Likely; Holmes County local business tax receipt; contact Holmes County Tax Collector	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Product...	—	Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Product...
FOOD STORAGE	Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; no garage/shed/ barn storage	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	25,014	19,529	47,704

More pages for this place

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

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