

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Palm Beach County

Florida · West Palm Beach · FIPS 12099 · Population
1,494,805 · Crosodo Index #2159*

STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Fl. Stat. \$500.80	Great	250000	MEDIUM	2026-05-05

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision. Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Florida state law preempts local regulation of cottage food. Palm Beach County has no county-specific cottage food permit beyond what is required under Fla. Stat. §559.955 (home-based business conditions). No routine inspection; only upon complaint.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies by city (Florida state preemption bars local prohibition of cottage food. Home-based business conditions under §559.955 apply. Incorporated cities within Palm Beach County may have home occupation permit requirements. No county-specific cottage food permit found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (State: inspection only upon complaint (§500.80(7)). No county-level inspection authority for cottage food.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	State baseline applies
HANDWASHING	State baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	Products may only be stored on cottage operation’s premises.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — State: inspection only upon complaint (§500.80(7)). No county-level inspection authority for cottage food.
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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	State law allows internet/mail order sales, event sales. \$250,000 annual cap. No wholesale.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	State baseline applies

Relevant county code

none county-specific found; Fla. Stat. §500.80 and §559.955 apply

RESEARCH NOTES

Palm Beach County follows Florida state baseline. State preemption is strong; local ordinances cannot prohibit or regulate cottage food. Operators must comply with home-based business rules under §559.955. No county-specific rules found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://palmbeach.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.pbcgov.com>

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

[https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?](https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599%2F0500%2FSections%2F0500.80.html)

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State context — Florida cottage food law

Palm Beach County’s rules sit on top of Florida’s state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

<p>STATUTE Fla. Stat. §500.80</p> <p>REGISTRATION REQUIRED No</p> <p>KITCHEN INSPECTION Upon-complaint</p> <p>INDIRECT SALES Limited (see notes) — 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.</p>	<p>ANNUAL SALES CAP 250000</p> <p>FOOD HANDLER CERT No</p> <p>DIRECT SALES ONLY No</p>
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For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Florida cottage food law report](#).

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

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

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/florida/>

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