

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Columbia County

Oregon · Saint Helens · FIPS 41009 · Population 52,865 ·
Crosodo Index #682*

STATE BASELINE

ORS §616.723 (amended by SB 643, 2023; cap raised to \$50,000)

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

50000

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-05

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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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.

How to start — 60-second path

Columbia County, Oregon — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

50000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Pets may not be in food preparation area; presence elsewhere in dwelling is no longer grounds for disqualification (per SB 643).

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Oregon cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ Oregon home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Oregon label one-pager →](#)

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Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-potentially hazardous foods from residential dwelling. Annual cap \$50,000 (CPI-adjusted since SB 643, 2023). Food handler certification (ORS 624.570) required. Broad allowed products: baked goods, coffee beans, teas, popcorn, jams, jellies, honey, syrups, fruit butters, nut mixes, repackaged freeze-dried and dehydrated foods, powdered drink mixes. No routine inspection. No registration required for direct sales; Domestic Kitchen Bakery License (~\$50/yr) available for retail sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (No state registration required for direct sales under ORS §616.723. Columbia County is a suburban/rural county between Portland and the coast. Contact Columbia County government in Saint Helens for local home occupation or zoning permit requirements.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Oregon Dept. of Agriculture may investigate on complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Pets may not be in food preparation area; presence elsewhere in dwelling is no longer grounds for disqualification (per SB 643).

WATER SUPPLY

No specific requirement; residential dwelling kitchen.

HANDWASHING

Covered under required food handler certification.

FOOD STORAGE

Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Cannabis-containing foods excluded. No sales to institutions (caterers, schools, day care, hospitals, nursing homes, correctional facilities, restaurants).

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct to consumer (home, online, mail, events). Sales to retailers permitted with Domestic Kitchen Bakery License. No sales to institutions.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in OR statute.

Relevant county code

ORS §616.723; no Columbia County-specific ordinance identified

RESEARCH NOTES

Columbia County is north of Portland along the Columbia River. No county-specific cottage food rules found. SB 643 (2023) was a significant expansion: raised cap from \$20,000 to \$50,000, added coffee beans, teas, dehydrated/freeze-dried foods, powdered drink mixes, permitted online/mail/event sales, relaxed pet rules.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.columbiacounty.gov>

<https://www.oregon.gov/oda/programs/foodsafety/pages/dkb-licensing.aspx>

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/oregon/columbia-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Columbia County	Washington County	Multnomah County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets may not be in food preparation area; presence elsewhere in dwelling is no longer grounds for disqualification (per SB 643).	No specific state cottage food pet restriction specified	Pets must not be in food preparation areas during production; their presence elsewhere in the home is permissible
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct to consumer (home, online, mail, events). Sales to retailers permitted with Domestic Kitchen Bakery License. No sales to institution...	Direct-to-consumer sales and indirect (limited retail) under ORS §616.723. \$50,000 annual cap. Online and mail delivery permitted. City of ...	Direct-to-consumer at home, online, mail, events; sales to retail stores permitted under specific conditions (SB 643, 2023). Cannot sell to...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Yes	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods from residential dwelling. Annual cap \$50,000 (CPI-adjusted since SB 643, 2023). Food handler certification...	Oregon allows sales from residential dwelling under ORS §616.723. \$50,000 annual sales cap. Food handler certification required. Registrati...	Must be produced in operator's residential dwelling. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Food handler certification under ORS 624.570 req...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Cannabis-containing foods excluded. No sales to institutions (caterers, schools, day care, hospitals,...	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-TCS foods	Standard food storage; non-PHF foods only
POPULATION	52,865	599,541	808,098

State context — Oregon cottage food law

Columbia County's rules sit on top of Oregon's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
ORS §616.723	50000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
Depends	Yes
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	No

INDIRECT SALES

Limited (see notes) — Direct sales to end users are permitted in any manner including online, mail, and at events. Sales to retailers (including coffee shops but not restaurants) are permitted if the retailer agrees to store/display the foods separately and clearly indicate they are homemade and not prepared in an inspected food establishment. Sales to institutions (restaurants, schools, hospitals, caterers, day care centers, nursing homes, correctional facilities) are prohibited. A Domestic Kitchen Bakery License (~\$50/year) is required for establishments wishing to sell to retailers under licensed status rather than using the residential-dwelling exemption. The department may provide a unique identification number for use on labels. Annual records must be maintained for 3 years.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **Oregon cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/oregon.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_616.706

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.oregon.gov/oda/programs/foodsafety/pages/dkb-licensing.aspx>

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

Questions about Columbia County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

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