

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Multnomah County

Oregon · Portland · FIPS 41051 · Population 808,098 ·
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STATE BASELINE

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

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

50000

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

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.

How to start — 60-second path

Multnomah 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

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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 →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

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 (Must be produced in operator's residential dwelling. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Food handler certification under ORS 624.570 required. Annual cap \$50,000 (CPI-adjusted). Cannot sell to institutions (schools, hospitals, restaurants — only retail stores and direct consumers).)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (City of Portland has home occupation permit requirements. For Portland Bureau of Development Services, contact (503) 823-7300. Multnomah County governs unincorporated areas (very limited — most is Portland proper). Other cities in Multnomah County (Troutdale, Wood Village, Fairview) have their own rules.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Oregon Department of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets must not be in food preparation areas during production; their presence elsewhere in the home is permissible
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; state baseline
HANDWASHING	Food handler certification required
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage; non-PHF foods only

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — Oregon Department of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.
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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer at home, online, mail, events; sales to retail stores permitted under specific conditions (SB 643, 2023). Cannot sell to restaurants, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, etc. \$50,000 annual cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Unknown

Relevant county code

ORS §616.723; City of Portland Title 33 Zoning Code for home occupations

RESEARCH NOTES

Multnomah County follows Oregon state baseline for cottage food. SB 643 (2023) expanded the allowed product list and raised the cap to \$50,000. Portland is the dominant municipality — nearly all of Multnomah County is within Portland city limits. Portland has a business license requirement. City of Portland home occupation rules apply to most operators in this county. The Domestic Kitchen Bakery License is an alternative if wishing to sell to retailers more broadly.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.multco.us/health>

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds>

<https://www.multco.us>

<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/multnomah-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Multnomah County	Washington County	Clackamas County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets must not be in food preparation areas during production; their presence elsewhere in the home is permissible	No specific state cottage food pet restriction specified	Pets may not be in the food preparation area during production.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer at home, online, mail, events; sales to retail stores permitted under specific conditions (SB 643, 2023). Cannot sell to...	Direct-to-consumer sales and indirect (limited retail) under ORS §616.723. \$50,000 annual cap. Online and mail delivery permitted. City of ...	Direct sales from home, online, mail, and at events permitted. May also sell to retailers (with Domestic Kitchen Bakery License ~\$50/year a...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Yes	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must be produced in operator's residential dwelling. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Food handler certification under ORS 624.570 req...	Oregon allows sales from residential dwelling under ORS §616.723. \$50,000 annual sales cap. Food handler certification required. Registrati...	Oregon cottage food law (ORS §616.723, amended by SB 643, 2023) allows packaged non-TCS foods from residential dwellings. Annual sales cap ...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage; non-PHF foods only	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-TCS foods	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.
POPULATION	808,098	599,541	420,925

State context — Oregon cottage food law

Multnomah 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 Multnomah 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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