

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Washington County

Oregon · Hillsboro · FIPS 41067 · Population 599,541 ·
Crosodo Index #1671*

STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
ORS \$616.723	Good	50000	HIGH	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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

50000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific state cottage food pet restriction specified

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

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[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 (Oregon allows sales from residential dwelling under ORS §616.723. \$50,000 annual sales cap. Food handler certification required. Registration required depending on sales channel and volume.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction specified

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Washington County, OR requires a Type I Home Occupation permit for businesses operated from a residential home. Application filed with Washington County Department of Land Use & Transportation (155 N First Ave., Suite 350, Hillsboro OR 97124; 503-846-8761). Standards in CDC Section 430-63.1: up to 600 sq ft or 25% of floor area; no onsite employees; max 5 customers/day; max 1 delivery/pickup per day (excl. USPS); no exterior storage; no excessive noise/odors/glare; one sign up to 2 sq ft (requires building permit); may be exempt if no on-site customers and not in EFC/EFU/AF-20 district. City of Hillsboro separately requires a Home Occupation Permit plus a General Business License (apply at 150 E Main St, Hillsboro OR 97123; 503-681-6408).)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspection required under Oregon cottage food law)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Oregon allows sales from residential dwelling under ORS §616.723. \$50,000 annual sales cap. Food handler certification required. Registration required depending on sales channel and volume.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction specified
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in state cottage food law
HANDWASHING	Implied by food handler certification requirement
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-TCS foods

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspection required under Oregon cottage food law
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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales and indirect (limited retail) under ORS §616.723. \$50,000 annual cap. Online and mail delivery permitted. City of Hillsboro requires General Business License in addition to Home Occupation Permit.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Washington County Type I Home Occupation: only permanent residents of home may be employed in the home occupation

Relevant county code

Washington County Community Development Code Section 430-63.1 (Home Occupation Type I). State: ORS §616.723.

RESEARCH NOTES

Washington County, OR official Type I Home Occupation permit application PDF retrieved directly from [washingtoncountyor.gov](https://www.washingtoncountyor.gov) (dated June 2025). Clear requirements: CDC Section 430-63.1, max 600 sq ft or 25% floor area, residents only, max 5 customers/day, max 1 delivery/day, no exterior storage, one 2 sq ft sign allowed. City of Hillsboro (county seat) additionally requires Home Occupation Permit plus General Business License per Oregon state business directory. ORS §616.723 is the operative state cottage food statute (not §616.706 as sometimes cited). Confidence high based on direct retrieval of official Washington County planning document.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.washington.or.us>

<https://www.washingtoncountyor.gov/current-planning/documents/home-occupation-type-i/download?inline=>

<https://apps.oregon.gov/SOS/LicenseDirectory/LicenseDetail/1495>

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

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Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Washington County	Multnomah County	Clackamas County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Conditional
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	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	Pets may not be in the food preparation area during production.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales and indirect (limited retail) under ORS §616.723. \$50,000 annual sales 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...	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	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Yes	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	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...	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 home kitchen storage for approved non-TCS foods	Standard food storage; non-PHF foods only	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.
POPULATION	599,541	808,098	420,925

State context — Oregon cottage food law

Washington 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

ORS §616.723

ANNUAL SALES CAP

50000

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Depends

FOOD HANDLER CERT

Yes

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

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 Washington 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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