

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Washington County

Utah · St. George · FIPS 49053 · Population 183,297 ·
Crosodo Index #436*

STATE BASELINE

Utah Code §4-5-501

STATE TIER

Freedom

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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CONFIDENCE

HIGH

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Utah 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
- ☐ Utah home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

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[Utah 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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Population 183,297 · State baseline: Utah Code §4-5-501 · **HIGH****QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY****HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

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SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Washington County regulates home occupations under Title 10 Chapter 26 with Major and Minor home occupation categories. Major home occupation requires a business license; Minor does not (courtesy license available). In St. George city, home occupations require a Class A or Class B license under Code 3-7-6; cottage food operations are explicitly referenced (may use 'that area of the home kitchen as permitted by the health department as part of a cottage food operation as defined in Utah Code Annotated section 4-5-501'). Class A: residents only; Class B: one nonresident employee allowed, up to 10 customers at a time.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (No routine inspections for registered cottage food operations. Complaint-based investigation possible.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water supply required.
HANDWASHING	Adequate handwashing per food handler certification.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS foods stored appropriately; no commercial refrigeration required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	No — No routine inspections for registered cottage food operations. Complaint-based investigation possible.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Washington County regulates home occupations under Title 10 Chapter 26 with Major and Minor home occupation categories. Major home occupation requires a business license; Minor does not (courtesy license available). In St. George city, home occupations require a Class A or Class B license under Code 3-7-6; cottage food operations are explicitly referenced (may use 'that area of the home kitchen as permitted by the health department as part of a cottage food operation as defined in Utah Code Annotated section 4-5-501'). Class A: residents only; Class B: one nonresident employee allowed, up to 10 customers at a time.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Online sales, in-state delivery, farmers markets, and direct sales from home all permitted under UDAF registration. Interstate sales not permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Class A (residents only); Class B (one nonresident employee allowed).

Relevant county code

Washington County Code Title 10 Chapter 26 (Home Occupations); St. George City Code §3-7-6

RESEARCH NOTES

Washington County official website confirms home occupation categories under Title 10 Chapter 26. St. George city code (3-7-6) directly references Utah Code §4-5-501 cottage food operations in context of home kitchen area limits. County seat 'St. George based on county data. Southwest Utah Public Health Department handles health permits for the region. County has both incorporated cities (St. George is the largest) and unincorporated areas with separate permit requirements.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://washco.utah.gov>

<https://ag.utah.gov/farmers/regulatory-services/food-safety/home-consumption-and-homemade-food-act/>

<https://www.washco.utah.gov/departments/clerk/business-license-information/>

<https://stgeorge.municipal.codes/Code/3-7-6>

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Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Washington County	Iron County	Kane County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.	No specific pet restriction; UDAF explicitly prohibits requiring commercial kitchen equipment.	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Online sales, in-state delivery, farmers markets, and direct sales from home all permitted under UDAF registration. Interstate sales not pe...	Direct and indirect sales permitted. Farmers markets, home pickup, retail stores, online, and delivery all allowed under UDAF registration.	Direct sales at home, farmers markets, events, and online sales permitted. Indirect/ wholesale sales also allowed under UDAF registration. N...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Varies	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	UDAF registration required for cottage food registration pathway. Food handler's permit required. Non-TCS foods only. No sales cap. UDAF pr...	Utah cottage food registration (Utah Code §4-5-501) requires UDAF registration and a food handler's permit. No kitchen inspection. No sales...	Utah Code §4-5-501 (formerly §4-5-9.5) establishes the Cottage Food Registration program administered by UDAF. A food handler's permit and ...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS foods stored appropriately; no commercial refrigeration required.	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) foods only.	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS), shelf-stable foods only.
POPULATION	183,297	58,068	7,814

State context — Utah cottage food law

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

STATUTE

Utah Code §4-5-501

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

FOOD HANDLER CERT

Yes

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

INDIRECT SALES

Yes — Registered cottage food operations may sell through various channels. The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) issues registration; local health departments do not have jurisdiction to regulate compliant cottage food operations except to investigate foodborne illness outbreaks. The state also has a separate Home Consumption and Homemade Food Act (Utah Code Title 4, Chapter 5A) that allows unregistered sales of certain homemade foods with a business license, but only at direct-to-sale farmers markets or direct-to-sale locations with appropriate signage. Food service establishments may not use cottage food products as ingredients in food served to the public.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Utah cottage food law report](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/utah.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title4/Chapter5/4-5-S9.5.html>

State dept cottage food page: <https://ag.utah.gov/farmers/regulatory-services/food-safety/home-consumption-and-homemade-food-act/>

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

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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Classifieds

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