

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Chelan County

Washington · Wenatchee · FIPS 53007 · Population 79,076 ·
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
RCW \$69.22.010-.040	Good	—	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.

How to start — 60-second path

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Yes

PETS

No persons other than permittee or directly supervised persons allowed in kitchen during processing. This effectively excludes pets from preparation area.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

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

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Washington 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 (Nonpotentially-hazardous baked goods, baked and stovetop candies, jams/jellies/preserves/fruit butters, and other nonpotentially hazardous foods identified by rule. No THC ingredients. Only permittee or persons under direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No persons other than permittee or directly supervised persons allowed in kitchen during processing. This effectively excludes pets from preparation area.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (State-level biennial cottage food permit required from Washington State Department of Agriculture (\$125 inspection fee + \$75 public health review + \$30 processing fee). Chelan County may additionally require local zoning compliance for home-based businesses. No Chelan County-specific cottage food ordinance found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Annual basic hygiene inspections required. Biennial permit with inspection (\$125 fee plus \$75 public health review + \$30 processing fee). Applicant must sign document granting director right of entry during normal business hours.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Nonpotentially-hazardous baked goods, baked and stovetop candies, jams/jellies/preserves/fruit butters, and other nonpotentially hazardous foods identified by rule. No THC ingredients. Only permittee or persons under direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No persons other than permittee or directly supervised persons allowed in kitchen during processing. This effectively excludes pets from preparation area.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker's permit required under chapter 69.06 RCW for all food handlers.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially-hazardous shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required. Biennial permit with inspection (\$125 fee plus \$75 public health review + \$30 processing fee). Applicant must sign document granting director right of entry during normal business hours.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — State-level biennial cottage food permit required from Washington State Department of Agriculture (\$125 inspection fee + \$75 public health review + \$30 processing fee). Chelan County may additionally require local zoning compliance for home-based businesses. No Chelan County-specific cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to end consumers only. No internet, mail order, or retail sales outside the state. Cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only permittee or persons under direct supervision of permittee may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing.

Relevant county code

RCW §69.22.010-.040; No Chelan County-specific code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Washington State (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit with inspection fees (\$230 total) and annual inspections. Food handler permit under RCW 69.06 required. No Chelan County-specific overrides found. This is one of the more burdensome state programs nationally (IJ grade of D). Direct sales only; no online or mail order. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.chelancounty.gov>

<https://agr.wa.gov/services/business-services/food-safety-and-licensing/cottage-food-operations>

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=69.22.040>

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

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Chelan County	Skagit County	Snohomish County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No persons other than permittee or directly supervised persons allowed in kitchen during processing. This effectively excludes pets from pr...	No one other than the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during proc...	State baseline: pets excluded from food preparation areas
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales to end consumers only. No internet, mail order, or retail sales outside the state. Cannot sell to restaurants or grocery store...	Direct sales only; no internet or mail order sales permitted. Sales only within Washington state. No one other than permittee or persons un...	Direct-to-consumer only: home, farmers markets, events, online with delivery. No wholesale. \$25,000 annual cap.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Yes	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Yes	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Nonpotentially-hazardous baked goods, baked and stovetop candies, jams/jellies/preserves/ fruit butters, and other nonpotentially hazardous ...	Biennial permit required with fees: \$125 inspection fee + \$75 public health review fee + \$30 processing fee (\$230 total biennial). All food...	State baseline applies. Cottage food must be produced in operator's home kitchen. \$25,000 annual gross sales cap. Non-potentially hazardous...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially-hazardous shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.	Non-potentially hazardous baked goods, candies, jams/ jellies/preserves/fruit butters, and other items identified by director by rule. No TH...	Standard food storage
POPULATION	79,076	129,480	828,337

State context — Washington cottage food law

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

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
RCW §69.22.010–.040	—
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
Yes	Yes
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
Yes	Yes
INDIRECT SALES	
No — Cottage food products may only be sold directly to the consumer. Internet sales, mail order, and retail sale outside Washington state are explicitly prohibited. Products may not be repackaged, sold, or used as an ingredient by a food processing plant, or sold by a food service establishment.	

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=69.22.040>

State dept cottage food page: <https://agr.wa.gov/services/business-services/food-safety-and-licensing/cottage-food-operations>

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

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

crosodo.com/nb/washington/chelan-county-discuss

Classifieds

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