

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Island County

Washington · Coupeville · FIPS 53029 · Population 86,510 ·
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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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION

Yes

PETS

Not explicitly specified, but kitchen must pass hygiene inspection.

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 (Washington requires a biennial cottage food permit with initial kitchen inspection. Only non-potentially-hazardous foods allowed. All food handlers must hold a food and beverage service worker's permit (chapter 69.06 RCW). Annual basic hygiene inspections. Applicant must sign document granting director right of entry to home during normal business hours. No internet, mail order, or out-of-state sales. No persons other than permittee or those under direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not explicitly specified, but kitchen must pass hygiene inspection.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Island County Planning Department governs home occupation rules in unincorporated areas. Towns of Oak Harbor, Langley, Coupeville, and Freeland have their own rules. No Island County-specific cottage food ordinance identified; producers should check with Island County Planning.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Annual basic hygiene inspection required. Initial inspection before permit issuance. Permit fee: \$125 biennial + \$75 public health review + \$30 processing fee.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Not explicitly specified, but kitchen must pass hygiene inspection.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific beyond standard potable water; kitchen inspection evaluates conditions.

HANDWASHING

Kitchen inspection covers hygiene; food handler's permit requires training including handwashing.

FOOD STORAGE

Standard food safety storage practices; inspected annually.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only; no internet, mail order, or out-of-state sales permitted under Washington cottage food law. In-person sales at farmers markets, from home, and at events permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only permittee or those under direct supervision may handle products or be in the kitchen during processing.

Relevant county code

No Island County-specific cottage food code identified. RCW §69.22.010-.040 governs.

RESEARCH NOTES

Island County (Whidbey Island, Camano Island) follows the statewide Washington cottage food framework. Washington has one of the more burdensome cottage food permit processes nationally: annual inspection, kitchen entry right, food handler permit for all workers. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed from official WA Legislature source; Island County-specific zoning not verified.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.islandcounty.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/island-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Island County	Skagit County	Kitsap County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not explicitly specified, but kitchen must pass hygiene inspection.	No one other than the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during proc...	Animals excluded from food production area during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only; no internet, mail order, or out-of-state sales permitted under Washington cottage food law. In-person sales at farmers m...	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; farmers markets, events, roadside stands; no retail or wholesale
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Yes	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Yes	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Washington requires a biennial cottage food permit with initial kitchen inspection. Only non-potentially-hazardous foods allowed. All food ...	Biennial permit required with fees: \$125 inspection fee + \$75 public health review fee + \$30 processing fee (\$230 total biennial). All food...	WSDA registration and kitchen inspection required; food handler card required; direct to consumer only; non-TCS foods including baked goods...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage practices; inspected annually.	Non-potentially hazardous baked goods, candies, jams/jellies/preserves/fruit butters, and other items identified by director by rule. No TH...	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions
POPULATION	86,510	129,480	275,411

State context — Washington cottage food law

Island 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/>

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Classifieds

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