

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Lewis County

Washington · Chehalis · FIPS 53041 · Population 82,663 ·
Crosodo Index #2723*

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

Lewis 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

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 (Same as all Washington counties: biennial permit with initial and annual kitchen inspection. Food handler's permit required for all handlers. Non-PHF foods only. No internet, mail order, or out-of-state sales. Only permittee or those under direct supervision may handle products or be present during processing.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Kitchen must pass hygiene inspection.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Lewis County Planning Department and municipalities (Chehalis, Centralia) may have home occupation rules. No Lewis County-specific cottage food ordinance identified.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Annual basic hygiene inspection required. Initial inspection before permit.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Kitchen must pass hygiene inspection.

WATER SUPPLY

No specific beyond standard potable water; kitchen inspection evaluates.

HANDWASHING

Food handler's permit requires training; kitchen inspection covers hygiene.

FOOD STORAGE

Standard food safety storage; inspected annually.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

Yes — Annual basic hygiene inspection required. Initial inspection before permit.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP

Conditional

ON-SITE SIGNAGE

Conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES

Direct in-person sales only; no internet, mail order, or out-of-state. Farmers markets, home, and events permitted.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME

Only permittee or those under direct supervision during processing.

Relevant county code

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

RESEARCH NOTES

Lewis County follows Washington's cottage food permit framework. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.lewiscounty.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/lewis-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Lewis County	Grays Harbor County	Cowlitz County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Kitchen must pass hygiene inspection.	No persons other than permittee or directly supervised persons allowed in kitchen during processing.	No other persons may handle cottage food products or be in kitchen during processing except permittee or those under direct supervision (RC...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct in-person sales only; no internet, mail order, or out-of-state. Farmers markets, home, and events permitted.	Direct sales to end consumers only within Washington. No internet, mail order, or out-of-state sales. No sales to restaurants or grocery st...	Washington allows direct sales only within the state. No internet, mail order, or retail outside WA. Only permittee or those under direct s...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Yes	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Same as all Washington counties: biennial permit with initial and annual kitchen inspection. Food handler's permit required for all handler...	Nonpotentially-hazardous baked goods, baked and stovetop candies, jams/jellies/preserves/ fruit butters, and other nonpotentially hazardous ...	Washington requires a biennial cottage food operation permit with annual inspection. All food handlers must have food and beverage service ...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage; inspected annually.	Non-potentially-hazardous shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.	Non-PHF products only. No TCS foods, no THC ingredients (0.3% or greater). Products cannot be sold via internet, mail order, or retail outs...
POPULATION	82,663	75,672	110,621

State context — Washington cottage food law

Lewis 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 Lewis 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/lewis-county-discuss

Classifieds

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