

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Skagit County

Washington · Mount Vernon · FIPS 53057 · Population
129,480 · Crosodo Index #2458*

STATE BASELINE

RCW §69.22.010-.040

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

—

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

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

Skagit County, Washington — 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

Yes

PETS

No one other than the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing.

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

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[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 (Biennial permit required with fees: \$125 inspection fee + \$75 public health review fee + \$30 processing fee (\$230 total biennial). All food handlers must hold a food and beverage service worker's permit under RCW ch. 69.06. Annual basic hygiene inspections required. Applicant must sign document granting director right of entry during normal business hours. No internet, mail order, or out-of-state sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Washington cottage food permits are administered by local health jurisdictions. Skagit County Public Health administers the cottage food permit for unincorporated Skagit County. Cities within the county (Mount Vernon, Burlington, Anacortes) may have separate home occupation ordinances.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Annual basic hygiene inspections required. Initial inspection before permit issued. Administered by Skagit County (or state WA DOH for state permits).)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Biennial permit required with fees: \$125 inspection fee + \$75 public health review fee + \$30 processing fee (\$230 total biennial). All food handlers must hold a food and beverage service worker's permit under RCW ch. 69.06. Annual basic hygiene inspections required. Applicant must sign document granting director right of entry during normal business hours. No internet, mail order, or out-of-state sales.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No one other than the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; reviewed during inspection.
HANDWASHING	Required; inspected during annual hygiene inspection.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous baked goods, candies, jams/jellies/preserves/fruit butters, and other items identified by director by rule. No THC ingredients.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required. Initial inspection before permit issued. Administered by Skagit County (or state WA DOH for state permits).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Washington cottage food permits are administered by local health jurisdictions. Skagit County Public Health administers the cottage food permit for unincorporated Skagit County. Cities within the county (Mount Vernon, Burlington, Anacortes) may have separate home occupation ordinances.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only; no internet or mail order sales permitted. Sales only within Washington state. No one other than permittee or persons under direct supervision may handle products or be in kitchen during processing.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only permittee and persons under direct supervision may handle cottage food or be in kitchen during processing.

Relevant county code

RCW §69.22.010-.040; WAC (Washington Administrative Code) provisions for cottage food permits.

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (WA) confirmed: RCW §69.22.010-.040, biennial permit with \$230 total fees, annual inspections, food and beverage service worker permit required. Skagit County is a farming/agricultural county north of the Seattle metro (Tulip Festival area). No county-specific health or planning URLs in input. Washington's cottage food law is notably more burdensome than most states (IJ grade D). County follows state baseline. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.skagitcounty.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/skagit-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Skagit County	Island County	Whatcom County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No one other than the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during proc...	Not explicitly specified, but kitchen must pass hygiene inspection.	Washington state cottage food rules prohibit anyone other than the permittee and persons under their direct supervision in the kitchen duri...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only; no internet or mail order sales permitted. Sales only within Washington state. No one other than permittee or persons un...	Direct sales only; no internet, mail order, or out-of-state sales permitted under Washington cottage food law. In-person sales at farmers m...	Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Online sales and mail order w...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Biennial permit required with fees: \$125 inspection fee + \$75 public health review fee + \$30 processing fee (\$230 total biennial). All food...	Washington requires a biennial cottage food permit with initial kitchen inspection. Only non-potentially-hazardous foods allowed. All food ...	Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operation...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous baked goods, candies, jams/ jellies/preserves/fruit butters, and other items identified by director by rule. No TH...	Standard food safety storage practices; inspected annually.	Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.
POPULATION	129,480	86,510	226,523

State context — Washington cottage food law

Skagit 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 Skagit 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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