

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Skamania County

Washington · Stevenson · FIPS 53059 · Population 11,620 ·  
Crosodo Index #2300\*

| STATE BASELINE      | STATE TIER | ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE) | CONFIDENCE | LAST VERIFIED |
|---------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------|
| RCW §69.22.010-.040 | Good       | —                        | MEDIUM     | 2026-05-06    |

**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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

**Yes**

STATE SALES CAP

—

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

**Conditional**

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

**Conditional**

INSPECTION

**Yes**

PETS

**Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. Pet presence during production is prohibited; standard food safety rules apply.**

### 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.

## WASHINGTON: SKAMANIA COUNTY

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## Skamania County

Population 11,620 · State baseline: RCW §69.22.010–.040 · MEDIUM

## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operations. Permit fees: approximately \$125 (inspection) + \$75 (public health review) + \$30 (processing). Annual kitchen inspection required. Home kitchen must be the operator's primary residence. Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle products or be present in the kitchen during processing.)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

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## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Skamania County is a largely forested county in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Much of the county is subject to Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area land use regulations in addition to county zoning. Home-based businesses in unincorporated areas are subject to Skamania County zoning code accessory use provisions. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Stevenson (county seat) has its own rules within city limits.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Annual basic hygiene inspections required by Washington State Department of Agriculture as a permit condition. Permittee must sign document granting WSDA right of entry to home during normal business hours.)

## Home kitchen rules

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| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| PET RESTRICTIONS           | Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. Pet presence during production is prohibited; standard food safety rules apply.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| WATER SUPPLY               | No specific private water testing requirement cited in RCW §69.22; standard water supply requirements apply per Washington food code.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| HANDWASHING                | Food and beverage service worker's permit required under RCW chapter 69.06, implying food handler training and hygiene standards including handwashing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## Inspection & permitting

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| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT | Conditional — Skamania County is a largely forested county in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Much of the county is subject to Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area land use regulations in addition to county zoning. Home-based businesses in unincorporated areas are subject to Skamania County zoning code accessory use provisions. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Stevenson (county seat) has its own rules within city limits. |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | Varies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

## Customer-facing rules

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| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Conditional                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Conditional                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Online sales and mail order outside Washington are restricted by statute. Home pickup generally allowed. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing per RCW §69.22.                                                                                                   |

## Relevant county code

Skamania County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area land use regulations; RCW §69.22; WAC 16-149

### RESEARCH NOTES

Skamania County is a rural forested county in the Columbia River Gorge with significant federal land. No county-specific cottage food or home occupation ordinance found in search. State baseline (RCW §69.22 / WAC 16-149) is the operative food safety framework. Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area designation may add complexity to land use but does not directly affect cottage food licensing. Defaulting to state baseline with medium confidence.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.skamaniacounty.org>

<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/skamania-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/washington/skamania-county-discuss)

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | Skamania County                                                                                                                                | Klickitat County                                                                                                                               | Cowlitz County                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. P... | Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. P... | 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                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Online sales and mail order o... | Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Online sales and mail order o... | 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     | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operation... | Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operation... | Washington requires a biennial cottage food operation permit with annual inspection. All food handlers must have food and beverage service ... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.                               | Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.                               | 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                 | 11,620                                                                                                                                         | 22,425                                                                                                                                         | 110,621                                                                                                                                        |

## State context — Washington cottage food law

Skamania 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.

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| 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. |                   |

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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](https://crosodo.com/states/washington).

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### 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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**Questions about Skamania 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/skamania-county-discuss](https://crosodo.com/nb/washington/skamania-county-discuss)

## Classifieds

Resources for cottage food & home bakers · [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

### NATIONAL

#### SUPPLIES

##### Advertise here — Supplies

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

#### COURSES

##### Advertise here — Courses

Reach home bakers across the country. [crosodo.com/advertise](https://crosodo.com/advertise)

#### INSURANCE

##### Advertise here — Insurance

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### LOCAL

#### Advertise here

Reach home bakers in Skamania County, Washington. Supply stores, farmers markets, kitchen rentals, and bakery services welcome.

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#### Your business here

Local cottage food listings, kitchen rentals, co-packer referrals, and community events — post yours on Crosodo.

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