

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Snohomish County

Washington · Everett · FIPS 53061 · Population 828,337 ·
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STATE BASELINE

RCW §69.22 (Washington Cottage Food Operations law)

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

Snohomish 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?

Yes

INSPECTION

Upon-complaint

PETS

State baseline: pets excluded from food preparation areas

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 (State baseline applies. Cottage food must be produced in operator's home kitchen. \$25,000 annual gross sales cap. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Snohomish Health District oversees food safety in the county.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline: pets excluded from food preparation areas

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Snohomish County has home occupation permit requirements for unincorporated areas. Incorporated cities (Everett, Marysville, Lynnwood, etc.) have their own home occupation rules. Contact Snohomish County Planning and Development Services for unincorporated area rules.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Upon-complaint (Snohomish Health District may inspect upon complaint. WSDA has oversight.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — State baseline applies. Cottage food must be produced in operator's home kitchen. \$25,000 annual gross sales cap. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Snohomish Health District oversees food safety in the county.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State baseline: pets excluded from food preparation areas
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Standard sanitation practices; food handler permit may be required for market sales
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint — Snohomish Health District may inspect upon complaint. WSDA has oversight.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Snohomish County has home occupation permit requirements for unincorporated areas. Incorporated cities (Everett, Marysville, Lynnwood, etc.) have their own home occupation rules. Contact Snohomish County Planning and Development Services for unincorporated area rules.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer only: home, farmers markets, events, online with delivery. No wholesale. \$25,000 annual cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Unknown

Relevant county code

RCW §69.22; Snohomish County zoning for home occupations

RESEARCH NOTES

Snohomish County follows Washington state baseline for cottage food. The Snohomish Health District (snohd.org) handles local food safety enforcement. No Snohomish County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state law. Home occupation permits required for the business aspect under county zoning for unincorporated areas.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.snohd.org>

<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/planning>

<https://snohomishcountywa.gov>

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

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Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Snohomish County	King County	Kitsap County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	State baseline: pets excluded from food preparation areas	No person other than the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during p...	Animals excluded from food production area during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer only: home, farmers markets, events, online with delivery. No wholesale. \$25,000 annual cap.	Direct-to-consumer sales only (no internet/mail order outside the state; no retail establishment sales). Sales must be within Washington St...	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, roadside stands; no retail or wholesale
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Yes	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies. Cottage food must be produced in operator's home kitchen. \$25,000 annual gross sales cap. Non-potentially hazardous...	King County operators must obtain a biennial WA State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) cottage food permit before operating. The state perm...	WSDA registration and kitchen inspection required; food handler card required; direct to consumer only; non-TCS foods including baked goods...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage	State baseline applies	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions
POPULATION	828,337	2,254,371	275,411

State context — Washington cottage food law

Snohomish 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 Snohomish 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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