

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Spokane County

Washington · Spokane · FIPS 53063 · Population 538,711 ·
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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

Spokane 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

Yes

PETS

Kitchen must pass WSDA inspection including all permitted areas (kitchen, packaging area, restroom, raw ingredient and finished product storage)

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 (Non-potentially hazardous foods only. \$355 permit fee (2-year). Kitchen inspection by WSDA required before permit issued. \$35,000 annual gross sales cap. Food Worker's Card required from local county health department. Master Business License through WA Dept. of Revenue required. Connected to approved water source required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Kitchen must pass WSDA inspection including all permitted areas (kitchen, packaging area, restroom, raw ingredient and finished product storage)

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (WSDA explicitly states operators must comply with all applicable county and municipal laws and zoning ordinances for conducting business from home. Local city or town government may ban home food production in areas not zoned for commerce. Spokane County unincorporated areas: check Spokane County Building and Planning Department for home occupation rules. City of Spokane: check City of Spokane Planning for home occupation permit requirements. Local zoning ordinances still required to be followed.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (WSDA inspection required prior to permitting; additional inspections may occur upon permit expiration or following complaint/suspected violation)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Kitchen must pass WSDA inspection including all permitted areas (kitchen, packaging area, restroom, raw ingredient and finished product storage)

WATER SUPPLY

Kitchen must be connected to an approved water source; verified during WSDA inspection

HANDWASHING

Required as part of WSDA kitchen inspection compliance

FOOD STORAGE

All permitted areas including storage areas inspected by WSDA. Products stored in primary domestic residence.

Inspection & permitting

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — WSDA explicitly states operators must comply with all applicable county and municipal laws and zoning ordinances for conducting business from home. Local city or town government may ban home food production in areas not zoned for commerce. Spokane County unincorporated areas: check Spokane County Building and Planning Department for home occupation rules. City of Spokane: check City of Spokane Planning for home occupation permit requirements. Local zoning ordinances still required to be followed.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Washington. No wholesale to stores or restaurants. \$35,000 annual gross cap. Online sales via website permitted. Delivery to consumers permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law

Relevant county code

RCW §69.22.010–.040 (Cottage Food Operations); WAC 16-149 (Cottage Foods). Local: Spokane County Building & Planning zoning codes.

RESEARCH NOTES

Washington state cottage food requires: \$355 fee, 2-year permit, WSDA pre-operational inspection, \$35,000 annual cap, Food Worker's Card from local health department, Master Business License, approved water source. WSDA page confirms local zoning compliance required. City of Spokane may ban home food production in non-commercial zones — operators must verify. Spokane County is both an urban county (City of Spokane) and large rural county. Local home occupation permit specifics for Spokane County/City not confirmed from direct source. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.spokanecounty.org>

<https://agr.wa.gov/cottagefood>

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

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/washington/spokane-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Spokane County	Lincoln County	Pend Oreille County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Kitchen must pass WSDA inspection including all permitted areas (kitchen, packaging area, restroom, raw ingredient and finished product sto...	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...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales within Washington. No wholesale to stores or restaurants. \$35,000 annual gross cap. Online sales via website permitted. Delive...	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...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. \$355 permit fee (2-year). Kitchen inspection by WSDA required before permit issued. \$35,000 annual gr...	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...
FOOD STORAGE	All permitted areas including storage areas inspected by WSDA. Products stored in primary domestic residence.	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.
POPULATION	538,711	10,939	13,623

State context — Washington cottage food law

Spokane 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 Spokane 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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Classifieds

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