

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Walla Walla County

Washington · Walla Walla · FIPS 53071 · Population 62,150 ·
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STATE BASELINE

RCW §69.22.010-.040; WAC 16-149

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-05

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION

Yes

PETS

Only permittee and persons under direct supervision in 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 →](#)

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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 (Must obtain biennial WA Department of Agriculture permit with inspection. Non-PHF foods only. All food handlers must have food and beverage service worker's permit. Biennial permit fee: \$125 + \$75 + \$30.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Only permittee and persons under direct supervision in kitchen during processing

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Walla Walla County is in southeastern Washington (wine country). Cottage industry typically permitted as accessory use in residential zones. Must obtain master business license before cottage food permit. Contact Walla Walla County Planning at (509) 524-2610.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Pre-permit inspection; annual hygiene inspections by WA Department of Agriculture)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Must obtain biennial WA Department of Agriculture permit with inspection. Non-PHF foods only. All food handlers must have food and beverage service worker's permit. Biennial permit fee: \$125 + \$75 + \$30.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Only permittee and persons under direct supervision in kitchen during processing
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required
HANDWASHING	Handwashing facilities required
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes — Pre-permit inspection; annual hygiene inspections by WA Department of Agriculture
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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only; no internet, mail order, or retail sales outside state. Sales at home, farmers markets, and events permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only permittee and persons under direct supervision

Relevant county code

Walla Walla County zoning ordinance — contact Planning

RESEARCH NOTES

Walla Walla County is Washington's wine country region. Washington requires biennial WA Dept of Agriculture permit with inspection and annual hygiene inspections. Master business license required before cottage food permit. No specific Walla Walla County cottage food restrictions found beyond state framework. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx/default.aspx?cite=16-149&full=true&pdf=true>

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Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Walla Walla County	Franklin County	Benton County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Only permittee and persons under direct supervision in kitchen during processing	Only permittee or persons under direct supervision in kitchen during processing; pets effectively excluded.	Only the permittee and persons under their direct supervision permitted in the kitchen during processing. Pet presence in the kitchen durin...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only; no internet, mail order, or retail sales outside state. Sales at home, farmers markets, and events permitted.	Direct-to-consumer sales only in person; no internet or mail order; no out-of-state sales. Sales at farmers markets, events, home permitted...	Washington cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at home, events, and farmers markets within Washington. Internet/mail-order/re...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must obtain biennial WA Department of Agriculture permit with inspection. Non-PHF foods only. All food handlers must have food and beverage...	Washington state cottage food law (RCW §69.22): biennial permit with annual inspection required. Allowed: non-PHF baked goods, baked/stovet...	Washington state cottage food law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial WSDA permit with annual kitchen inspections. Fee approximately \$125 (ins...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only; no reduced oxygen packaging for cottage food.	Non-potentially-hazardous products only. Standard GMP storage requirements.
POPULATION	62,150	96,692	207,560

State context — Washington cottage food law

Walla Walla 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 Walla Walla 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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