

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Yakima County

Washington · Yakima · FIPS 53077 · Population 256,143 ·
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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

Yakima 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

No pets in food preparation area during processing (persons not allowed other than permittee and direct supervision)

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 (Biennial permit required with inspection. Fee: \$125 inspection + \$75 public health review + \$30 processing. All food handlers must hold food and beverage service worker's permit (RCW 69.06). Annual basic hygiene inspections. Applicant must grant director right of entry during normal business hours. Only permittee or persons under direct supervision may handle products or be in kitchen during processing.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No pets in food preparation area during processing (persons not allowed other than permittee and direct supervision)

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Yakima County does not have county URL listed. Local zoning in Yakima County and City of Yakima may require home occupation permits. Check with Yakima County Planning Department.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Annual basic hygiene inspection required; initial inspection before permit issued)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No pets in food preparation area during processing (persons not allowed other than permittee and direct supervision)

WATER SUPPLY

Potable water required; private well testing may be required

HANDWASHING

Food and beverage service worker's permit (RCW 69.06) required for all food handlers

FOOD STORAGE

Nonpotentially-hazardous foods only; CDPH-type approved list (baked goods, jams/jellies, candies, etc.)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

Yes — Annual basic hygiene inspection required; initial inspection before permit issued

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only; no internet, mail order, or retail sales outside Washington State. Products may only be sold within Washington.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only permittee or persons under direct supervision; no independent hired workers

Relevant county code

RCW §69.22.010-.040; Yakima County zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Yakima County WA is listed as 'pattern' verification status with no county URLs. Washington State cottage food law (RCW §69.22) requires biennial permit with annual inspection — among the more burdensome frameworks nationally. Washington WSDA administers the permit statewide. No Yakima County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no specific Yakima County .gov source found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.yakimacounty.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/yakima-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Yakima County	Benton County	Pierce County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No pets in food preparation area during processing (persons not allowed other than permittee and direct supervision)	Only the permittee and persons under their direct supervision permitted in the kitchen during processing. Pet presence in the kitchen durin...	State baseline: pets must be excluded from food preparation areas during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only; no internet, mail order, or retail sales outside Washington State. Products may only be sold within Washington.	Washington cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at home, events, and farmers markets within Washington. Internet/mail-order/re...	Washington cottage food: direct-to-consumer sales only. Sales at farmers markets, events, home, online with delivery. No wholesale to retai...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Biennial permit required with inspection. Fee: \$125 inspection + \$75 public health review + \$30 processing. All food handlers must hold foo...	Washington state cottage food law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial WSDA permit with annual kitchen inspections. Fee approximately \$125 (ins...	State baseline applies: cottage food operation must be conducted in the home kitchen of the operator's primary residence. \$25,000 annual gr...
FOOD STORAGE	Nonpotentially-hazardous foods only; CDPH-type approved list (baked goods, jams/jellies, candies, etc.)	Non-potentially-hazardous products only. Standard GMP storage requirements.	Standard food storage practices; no county-specific overrides found
POPULATION	256,143	207,560	918,993

State context — Washington cottage food law

Yakima 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/>

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