

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Benton County, Washington?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-05.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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WASHINGTON RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Washington permits PDF](#)

[Washington cottage food law page](#)

[Washington State Department of Agriculture cottage food program](#)

[Statute: RCW §69.22.010-.040](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Benton County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Benton County, Washington. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Conditional

LOCAL HEALTH

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Conditional

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

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Washington cottage food law page →

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Permit page for this place →

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Benton County cottage food law page →

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Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

Washington registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Yes. 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.

Washington permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/washington.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/washington

Washington State Department of Agriculture: <https://agr.wa.gov/services/business-services/food-safety-and-licensing/cottage-food-operations>

Statute: [RCW §69.22.010-.040](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Benton County (unincorporated areas) and municipalities (Kennewick, Richland, Pasco — the Tri-Cities area) may require home occupation permits for home-based businesses. Washington B&O tax may apply. Contact Benton County Planning & Zoning or relevant Tri-Cities municipality for home occupation requirements.

Health

Yes. Annual basic hygiene inspections required as condition of WSDA permit. Permittee must grant WSDA right of entry to home during normal business hours.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Washington cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at home, events, and farmers markets within Washington. Internet/mail-order/retail sales outside state not permitted. Home pickup allowed.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Local health licenses food establishments. WSDA licenses cottage food. Washington cottage food is a WSDA permit for a home kitchen. A commissary is a food establishment permitted by the local health jurisdiction.

Official source: [WA DOH food](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.bentoncounty.gov>

This file is the home-kitchen path. A rented kitchen uses a different permit. Ask the kitchen manager which license they expect, then call the local health office.

SOURCES

<https://www.bentoncounty.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>

Benton County and nearby places

Regulation	Benton County	Yakima County	Grant County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Only the permittee and persons under their direct supervision permitted in the kitchen during processing. Pet presence in the kitchen durin...	No pets in food preparation area during processing (persons not allowed other than permittee and direct supervision)	No one other than the permittee or persons under direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing; pets implicitly excluded durin...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Washington cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at home, events, and farmers markets within Washington. Internet/mail-order/re...	Direct sales only; no internet, mail order, or retail sales outside Washington State. Products may only be sold within Washington.	Direct-to-consumer sales allowed in person; no internet or mail order sales; no out-of-state sales. Sales at farmers markets, events, and f...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Washington state cottage food law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial WSDA permit with annual kitchen inspections. Fee approximately \$125 (ins...	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) allows home kitchen production of non-potentially hazardous foods with a biennial permit and...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially-hazardous products only. Standard GMP storage requirements.	Nonpotentially-hazardous foods only; CDPH-type approved list (baked goods, jams/jellies, candies, etc.)	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only; must prevent contamination.
POPULATION	207,560	256,143	99,145

More pages for this place

These Crosodo pages cover the same home cottage-food path:

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