

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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WASHINGTON RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

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[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 Cowlitz County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Cowlitz 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

Varies

LOCAL HEALTH

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Yes

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

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

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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

Varies. No specific Cowlitz County home occupation permit requirements found for cottage food. Washington state cottage food permit is the primary regulatory requirement. Cowlitz County or city of Kelso/Longview may have home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Cowlitz County Community Development or city planning.

Health

Yes. Annual basic hygiene inspection required per RCW §69.22. Also pre-operational approval required as part of permit process.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Washington allows direct sales only within the state. No internet, mail order, or retail outside WA. Only permittee or those under direct supervision may handle products or be in kitchen during processing.

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.cowlitzcounty.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.cowlitzcounty.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>

Cowlitz County and nearby places

Regulation	Cowlitz County	Lewis County	Skamania County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No other persons may handle cottage food products or be in kitchen during processing except permittee or those under direct supervision (RC...	Kitchen must pass hygiene inspection.	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	Washington allows direct sales only within the state. No internet, mail order, or retail outside WA. Only permittee or those under direct s...	Direct in-person sales only; no internet, mail order, or out-of-state. Farmers markets, home, and events permitted.	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	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Washington requires a biennial cottage food operation permit with annual inspection. All food handlers must have food and beverage service ...	Same as all Washington counties: biennial permit with initial and annual kitchen inspection. Food handler's permit required for all handler...	Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operation...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF products only. No TCS foods, no THC ingredients (0.3% or greater). Products cannot be sold via internet, mail order, or retail outs...	Standard food safety storage; inspected annually.	Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.
POPULATION	110,621	82,663	11,620

More pages for this place

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

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

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