

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-06.

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
Yes	Yes	Yes	—

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

What you need

Douglas 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

Yes

LOCAL HEALTH

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

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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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

Yes. Douglas County Chapter 18A.66 requires a home occupation permit for most home-based businesses. Home occupation permit is required unless the activity is specifically exempted. Home cooking and preserving for sale is explicitly listed as a permitted home occupation use (DCC 18A.66.040(A)(10)). Standards include: (1) home occupation must be clearly incidental to residential use; (2) limited to 25% of gross floor area of the structure or 500 sq ft, whichever is less; (3) no exterior or window displays or outdoor storage of materials; (4) retail/wholesale sales limited to products created in the home occupation; (5) no restaurant/cafe uses. Exemptions from permit requirement include temporary home boutiques (max 5 days or 10 days/year) and purely administrative home offices. WAC 16-149-030(4) also requires a Washington State master business license.

Planning: <https://www.co.douglas.wa.us/planning/>

Health

Yes. Annual basic hygiene inspection by WSDA required for permit renewal. Initial inspection required before operations begin.

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Washington cottage food: direct sales to consumers only. No internet/mail-order/interstate sales. No retail sales outside Washington. Producers may sell at farmers markets and direct from home. Douglas County home occupation rules: retail/wholesale sales limited to products created in the home occupation. Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle cottage food products during processing (RCW §69.22.020).

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.co.douglas.wa.us/>

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.co.douglas.wa.us/planning/>

<https://www.co.douglas.wa.us/>

<https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/DouglasCounty/html/DouglasCounty18A/DouglasCounty18A66.html>

<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&full=true>

Douglas County and nearby places

Regulation	Douglas County	Okanogan County	Kittitas County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	WAC 16-149 restricts access to the permitted area during cottage food production. Pets must be excluded from the permitted area during food...	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	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Washington cottage food: direct sales to consumers only. No internet/mail-order/interstate sales. No retail sales outside Washington. Produ...	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	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Washington state cottage food law (RCW §69.22.010-.040; WAC 16-149) requires a biennial cottage food permit (\$125 inspection fee + \$75...	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	Proper storage per WAC 16-149 basic hygiene requirements; cottage foods must be nonpotentially hazardous.	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	43,189	42,243	47,935

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