

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

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

What you need

Jefferson 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. Jefferson County Code Title 18 (JCC 18.20.170) establishes a 'Cottage Industry' permit for home-based production businesses, processed as Type II (administrative) or Type III (hearing examiner) depending on scale and nature of the use. Separately, JCC 18.20.200 covers 'Home Businesses' with a supplemental application requiring a site plan, floor plan, and permit fees based on valuation (minimum 3 hours). The Department of Community Development at 621 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368 (360-379-4450) handles applications. Port Townsend (county seat, incorporated city) has its own rules within city limits.

Planning: <https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/communitydevelopment>

Health

Yes. Annual basic hygiene inspections required by Washington State Department of Agriculture as a permit condition. Jefferson County Department of Community Development may conduct zoning review for cottage industry/home business permits.

Health: <https://www.jeffersoncountypublichealth.org>

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Jefferson County cottage industry/home business permit may set conditions on customer visits and traffic. Online sales and mail order outside Washington are restricted by statute.

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.jeffersoncountypublichealth.org>

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.jeffersoncountypublichealth.org>

<https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/communitydevelopment>

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<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>

<https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/JeffersonCounty/html/JeffersonCounty18/JeffersonCounty1820.html>

<https://co.jefferson.wa.us/DocumentCenter/View/15489>

Jefferson County and nearby places

Regulation	Jefferson County	San Juan County	Mason County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	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...	No one other than permittee or persons under direct supervision may be in kitchen during processing; pets should be excluded
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Jefferson County cottage indu...	Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Island geography limits logis...	Direct sales only; no internet, mail order, or retail sales outside state. Sales at home, farmers markets, and events permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	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...	Must be permitted by WA Department of Agriculture every two years. Permit includes biennial inspection fee (\$125) + public health review fe...
FOOD STORAGE	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.	Shelf-stable non-PHF foods only; proper storage required
POPULATION	32,221	17,582	66,053

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

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