

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

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

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

What you need

Lewis 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

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

Varies. Lewis County Planning Department and municipalities (Chehalis, Centralia) may have home occupation rules. No Lewis County-specific cottage food ordinance identified.

Health

Yes. Annual basic hygiene inspection required. Initial inspection before permit.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct in-person sales only; no internet, mail order, or out-of-state. Farmers markets, home, and events permitted.

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.lewiscounty.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.lewiscounty.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>

Lewis County and nearby places

Regulation	Lewis County	Grays Harbor County	Cowlitz County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Kitchen must pass hygiene inspection.	No persons other than permittee or directly supervised persons allowed in kitchen during processing.	No other persons may handle cottage food products or be in kitchen during processing except permittee or those under direct supervision (RC...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct in-person sales only; no internet, mail order, or out-of-state. Farmers markets, home, and events permitted.	Direct sales to end consumers only within Washington. No internet, mail order, or out-of-state sales. No sales to restaurants or grocery st...	Washington allows direct sales only within the state. No internet, mail order, or retail outside WA. Only permittee or those under direct s...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Yes	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Same as all Washington counties: biennial permit with initial and annual kitchen inspection. Food handler's permit required for all handler...	Nonpotentially-hazardous baked goods, baked and stovetop candies, jams/jellies/preserves/ fruit butters, and other nonpotentially hazardous ...	Washington requires a biennial cottage food operation permit with annual inspection. All food handlers must have food and beverage service ...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage; inspected annually.	Non-potentially-hazardous shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.	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...
POPULATION	82,663	75,672	110,621

More pages for this place

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

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