

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Pierce 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.

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

What you need

Pierce 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

Upon-complaint

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

Conditional. Pierce County has home occupation permit requirements for home-based businesses in unincorporated areas. Contact Pierce County Planning and Land Services. City of Tacoma and other incorporated cities in Pierce County have separate home occupation rules. Check relevant municipal code.

Health

Upon-complaint. Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department may inspect upon complaint. WSDA has oversight authority.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Washington cottage food: direct-to-consumer sales only. Sales at farmers markets, events, home, online with delivery. No wholesale to retailers or restaurants. \$25,000 annual cap.

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.piercecountywa.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.piercecountywa.gov>

<https://agr.wa.gov/services/business-services/food-safety-and-licensing/cottage-food-operations>

Pierce County and nearby places

Regulation	Pierce County	Thurston County	Kitsap County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	State baseline: pets must be excluded from food preparation areas during production	Animals excluded from food production area during production	Animals excluded from food production area during production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Washington cottage food: direct-to-consumer sales only. Sales at farmers markets, events, home, online with delivery. No wholesale to retail...	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, roadside stands; no retail or wholesale; no online-only sales without direct delivery	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, roadside stands; no retail or wholesale
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies: cottage food operation must be conducted in the home kitchen of the operator's primary residence. \$25,000 annual gr...	WSDA registration and kitchen inspection required; food handler card required; direct to consumer only; non-TCS foods including baked goods...	WSDA registration and kitchen inspection required; food handler card required; direct to consumer only; non-TCS foods including baked goods...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage practices; no county-specific overrides found	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions
POPULATION	918,993	294,272	275,411

More pages for this place

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

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