

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Thurston 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 Thurston County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Thurston 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.

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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. WA does not preempt local zoning. Thurston County (seat: Olympia, state capital) may have home occupation zoning requirements at county or city level. Operator should verify with Thurston County Planning or City of Olympia planning

Health

Yes. Initial kitchen inspection required before registration; complaint-based thereafter

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, roadside stands; no retail or wholesale; no online-only sales without direct delivery

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.thurstoncountywa.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.thurstoncountywa.gov>

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

Thurston County and nearby places

Regulation	Thurston County	Lewis County	Grays Harbor County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Animals excluded from food production area during production	Kitchen must pass hygiene inspection.	No persons other than permittee or directly supervised persons allowed in kitchen during processing.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, roadside stands; no retail or wholesale; no online-only sales without direct delivery	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...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	WSDA registration and kitchen inspection required; food handler card required; direct to consumer only; non-TCS foods including baked goods...	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 ...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions	Standard food safety storage; inspected annually.	Non-potentially-hazardous shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.
POPULATION	294,272	82,663	75,672

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