

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

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

What you need

Wahkiakum 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

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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Washington cottage food law page →

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Permit page for this place →

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Wahkiakum County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/washington/wahkiakum-county>

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. Wahkiakum County is one of the smallest counties by population in Washington (~4,488) on the Columbia River. Home-based businesses in unincorporated areas are subject to Wahkiakum County zoning code accessory use provisions. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Cathlamet (county seat) has its own rules within city limits.

Health

Yes. Annual basic hygiene inspections required by Washington State Department of Agriculture as a permit condition. Permittee must sign document granting WSDA right of entry to home during normal business hours.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Online sales and mail order outside Washington are restricted by statute. Home pickup generally allowed.

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.wahkiakum.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.wahkiakum.wa.us>

<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>

Wahkiakum County and nearby places

Regulation	Wahkiakum County	Pacific County	Lewis 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...	Kitchen must pass hygiene inspection.
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. 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...	Direct in-person sales only; no internet, mail order, or out-of-state. Farmers markets, home, and events permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
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...	Same as all Washington counties: biennial permit with initial and annual kitchen inspection. Food handler's permit required for all handler...
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.	Standard food safety storage; inspected annually.
POPULATION	4,488	22,863	82,663

More pages for this place

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

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