

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Whitman 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

**—**

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

## What you need

Whitman County, Washington. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Yes**

ANNUAL SALES CAP

**—**

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 permits PDF →**

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/washington.pdf>

**Washington cottage food law page →**

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**Whitman County cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/washington/whitman-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.

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State law page: [crosodo.com/states/washington](https://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. Whitman County is an agricultural (Palouse wheat country) county in southeastern Washington, home to Washington State University (Pullman). Home-based businesses in unincorporated areas are subject to Whitman County zoning code accessory use provisions. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Colfax (county seat) and Pullman (home to WSU, separately incorporated) have their 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.whitmancounty.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.

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**SOURCES**

<https://www.whitmancounty.org>

<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>

## Whitman County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Whitman County                                                                                                                                 | Asotin County                                                                                                                                    | Adams 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... | WAC 16-149 restricts access to the permitted area during cottage food production. Pets must be excluded from the permitted area during food...   | WAC 16-149 restricts access to the permitted area during cottage food production. Pets must be excluded from the permitted area (home kitch...   |
| 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 cottage food: direct sales to consumers only. No internet/mail-order/interstate sales. No retail sales outside Washington. Produ...   | Washington cottage food: direct sales to consumers only. No internet/mail-order/interstate sales. No retail sales outside Washington. Produ...   |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                      | Conditional                                                                                                                                      |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Conditional                                                                                                                                      | Conditional                                                                                                                                      |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operation... | Washington state cottage food law (RCW §69.22.010-.040; WAC 16-149) requires a biennial WSDA cottage food permit (\$125 inspection fee + \$75... | Washington state cottage food law (RCW §69.22.010-.040; WAC 16-149) requires a biennial WSDA cottage food permit (\$125 inspection fee + \$75... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.                               | Proper storage per WAC 16-149 basic hygiene requirements; cottage foods must be nonpotentially hazardous.                                        | Proper storage per WAC 16-149 basic hygiene requirements; cottage foods must be nonpotentially hazardous.                                        |
| POPULATION                 | 51,017                                                                                                                                         | 22,370                                                                                                                                           | 20,557                                                                                                                                           |

## More pages for this place

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

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