

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Deschutes County

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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
ORS §616.723	Good	50000	HIGH	2026-05-05

**IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

**Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision.** Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

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### QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Oregon state law (ORS §616.723, as amended by SB 643 in 2023) permits cottage food from a residential dwelling. Annual sales cap: \$50,000 (CPI-adjusted). Food handler certification required (ORS §624.570). Pets may not be in food preparation area. Products may not be sold to restaurants, schools, hospitals, or other institutions. Deschutes County (Bend area) has a detailed 4-type home occupation permit system (Code Section 18.116.280). Bend, Redmond, and Sisters have their own urban growth boundary zoning.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Pets not permitted in the food preparation area during production. Pets elsewhere in the dwelling are not an automatic disqualification since SB 643 (2023).

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (Deschutes County (unincorporated, outside Bend/Redmond/Sisters UGB) has four types of home occupations per Code Section 18.116.280: Type I (no permit required if no on-site clients, resident-only operation, under 25% floor area, no signage/sales on premises); Type II (permit required, minimum 1/2 acre, up to 2 employees, limited on-site sales); Type III (conditional use permit, minimum 1/2 acre); Type IV (10+ acres, event facility). Most cottage food operations that do not have on-site customer visits would qualify as Type I (no permit required) in most zones except EFU/Forest zones. Type I in EFU zones requires a conditional use permit. Not allowed in F1/F2 Forest zones. Building/Environmental Health permits also required for Type II/III. Bend, Redmond, and Sisters have separate urban zoning rules.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspection for Oregon cottage food (no registration pathway). ODA may investigate upon complaint. Optional Domestic Kitchen Bakery License (~\$50/year) available for retailers.)

### Home kitchen rules

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**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN** No

**PET RESTRICTIONS** Pets not permitted in the food preparation area during production. Pets elsewhere in the dwelling are not an automatic disqualification since SB 643 (2023).

**WATER SUPPLY** No specific private water testing requirement documented for Oregon cottage food operations.

**HANDWASHING** Food handler certification (ORS §624.570) required, covering handwashing and hygiene.

**FOOD STORAGE** Non-PHF (non-potentially hazardous) packaged foods only. Standard GMP storage.

### Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — No routine inspection for Oregon cottage food (no registration pathway). ODA may investigate upon complaint. Optional Domestic Kitchen Bakery License (~\$50/year) available for retailers.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Conditional — Deschutes County (unincorporated, outside Bend/Redmond/Sisters UGB) has four types of home occupations per Code Section 18.116.280: Type I (no permit required if no on-site clients, resident-only operation, under 25% floor area, no signage/sales on premises); Type II (permit required, minimum 1/2 acre, up to 2 employees, limited on-site sales); Type III (conditional use permit, minimum 1/2 acre); Type IV (10+ acres, event facility). Most cottage food operations that do not have on-site customer visits would qualify as Type I (no permit required) in most zones except EFU/Forest zones. Type I in EFU zones requires a conditional use permit. Not allowed in F1/F2 Forest zones. Building/Environmental Health permits also required for Type II/III. Bend, Redmond, and Sisters have separate urban zoning rules.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Conditional
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<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Oregon cottage food law allows online, mail-order, event, and home sales (SB 643, 2023). Deschutes County Type II+ home occupations allow limited on-site sales. Type I allows no on-site sales. Verify zone type for on-site customer pickup.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Deschutes County: Type I: resident-only operation (no employees other than residents of the dwelling). Type II: up to 2 non-resident employees. Oregon cottage food statute: no explicit cap.

### Relevant county code

ORS §616.723; Deschutes County Code Section 18.116.280 (Home Occupations); Bend/Redmond/Sisters municipal zoning

#### RESEARCH NOTES

High confidence: Deschutes County home occupation brochure found directly on official deschutes.org and deschutescounty.gov sources with detailed Type I-IV requirements. County Code Section 18.116.280 confirmed as the operative provision. Type I (no permit, no clients, no sales on premises) applies to many cottage food operations in residential zones. EFU and F1/F2 zones have restrictions. The county applies to unincorporated areas only; Bend, Redmond, and Sisters have separate rules. Oregon SB 643 (2023) expanded state cottage food law.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.deschutescounty.gov/health>

<https://www.deschutescounty.gov/planning>

<https://www.deschutescounty.gov>

<https://www.oregon.gov/oda/programs/foodsafety/pages/dkb-licensing.aspx>

<https://www.deschutes.org/cd/page/zoning-101>

[https://www.deschutescounty.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/community\\_development/page/11726/home\\_occupation\\_brochure\\_including\\_table.pdf](https://www.deschutescounty.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/community_development/page/11726/home_occupation_brochure_including_table.pdf)

[https://www.deschutes.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/community\\_development/page/781/home\\_occupations\\_including\\_table.pdf](https://www.deschutes.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/community_development/page/781/home_occupations_including_table.pdf)

**Questions?** Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county's specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/oregon/deschutes-county-discuss>

## State context — Oregon cottage food law

Deschutes County’s rules sit on top of Oregon’s state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

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<b>STATUTE</b> ORS §616.723	<b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b> 50000
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b> Depends	<b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b> Yes
<b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b> No	<b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b> No

**INDIRECT SALES**  
 Limited (see notes) — Direct sales to end users are permitted in any manner including online, mail, and at events. Sales to retailers (including coffee shops but not restaurants) are permitted if the retailer agrees to store/display the foods separately and clearly indicate they are homemade and not prepared in an inspected food establishment. Sales to institutions (restaurants, schools, hospitals, caterers, day care centers, nursing homes, correctional facilities) are prohibited. A Domestic Kitchen Bakery License (~\$50/year) is required for establishments wishing to sell to retailers under licensed status rather than using the residential-dwelling exemption. The department may provide a unique identification number for use on labels. Annual records must be maintained for 3 years.

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For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Oregon cottage food law report](#).

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**STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES**

State statute: [https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors\\_616.706](https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_616.706)

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.oregon.gov/oda/programs/foodsafety/pages/dkb-licensing.aspx>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/oregon/>

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