

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Williamson County

Texas · Georgetown · FIPS 48491 · Population 617,396 ·
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STATE BASELINE

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

150000

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

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 (No TCS foods without registration (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS foods: no license, permit, or inspection required. Food handler certification required. Local public health entities may NOT regulate production or require permits/fees for direct-to-consumer sales.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Texas preempts local health department regulation of cottage food production. Williamson County unincorporated areas: no county-level cottage food permit required. Cities within county (Georgetown, Round Rock, Cedar Park, Leander) may have home occupation permit requirements in residential zones. Check with specific city for zoning rules.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health departments have NO regulatory authority to inspect cottage food operations or require fees)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards apply
WATER SUPPLY	No specific water testing requirement in state cottage food law
HANDWASHING	Implied by food handler certification requirement
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage; products must not be adulterated

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Non-TCS: direct sales at home, farmers markets, online/mail/delivery, third-party platforms, roadside stands within \$150,000 annual cap. TCS foods require DSHS registration (SB 541, effective Sept 2025). Interstate online sales permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; SB 541 (2025) for TCS registration

RESEARCH NOTES

Same Texas state baseline as Montgomery County TX. Williamson County is a fast-growing Austin suburb. State law preempts local health-department regulation of cottage food. No Williamson County-specific cottage food overlay found. Cities (Georgetown, Round Rock, Cedar Park, etc.) each maintain their own home occupation zoning provisions. Confidence medium: state law confirmed; city-level zoning details not retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.wilcotx.gov>

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/retail-food-establishments/texas-cottage-food-production>

<https://texascottagefoodlaw.com/>

Questions? Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/williamson-county-discuss>

State context — Texas cottage food law

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

STATUTE	ANNUAL SALES CAP
Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.	150000
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	FOOD HANDLER CERT
No	No
KITCHEN INSPECTION	DIRECT SALES ONLY
No	No

INDIRECT SALES
 Limited (see notes) — Sales must be made directly to consumers or to a 'cottage food vendor' (a new category created by SB 541 in 2025 – a person with a contractual relationship who sells on behalf of the cottage food operation to consumers in-state). Cottage food products may not be sold as ingredients to a food service establishment. No retail grocery store or wholesale sales permitted under the pre-2025 framework; SB 541 (2025) adds the cottage food vendor intermediary option. Products must be delivered to consumer or vendor at point of sale or consumer-designated location.

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

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

- State statute: <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>
 - State dept cottage food page: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
 - Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/texas/>
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