

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Washington County

Utah · St. George · FIPS 49053 · Population 183,297 ·  
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Utah Code §4-5-501	Freedom	—	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 (UDAF registration required for cottage food registration pathway. Food handler’s permit required. Non-TCS foods only. No sales cap. UDAF prohibits requiring commercial kitchen equipment. Alternatively, Home Consumption and Homemade Food Act (Title 4, Chapter 5A) allows sales without state registration but only at direct-to-sale farmers markets or direct-to-sale locations.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Yes (Washington County regulates home occupations under Title 10 Chapter 26 with Major and Minor home occupation categories. Major home occupation requires a business license; Minor does not (courtesy license available). In St. George city, home occupations require a Class A or Class B license under Code 3-7-6; cottage food operations are explicitly referenced (may use ‘that area of the home kitchen as permitted by the health department as part of a cottage food operation as defined in Utah Code Annotated section 4-5-501’). Class A: residents only; Class B: one nonresident employee allowed, up to 10 customers at a time.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (No routine inspections for registered cottage food operations. Complaint-based investigation possible.)

**Home kitchen rules**

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<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water supply required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Adequate handwashing per food handler certification.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Shelf-stable non-TCS foods stored appropriately; no commercial refrigeration required.

### Inspection & permitting

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — Washington County regulates home occupations under Title 10 Chapter 26 with Major and Minor home occupation categories. Major home occupation requires a business license; Minor does not (courtesy license available). In St. George city, home occupations require a Class A or Class B license under Code 3-7-6; cottage food operations are explicitly referenced (may use 'that area of the home kitchen as permitted by the health department as part of a cottage food operation as defined in Utah Code Annotated section 4-5-501'). Class A: residents only; Class B: one nonresident employee allowed, up to 10 customers at a time.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Online sales, in-state delivery, farmers markets, and direct sales from home all permitted under UDAF registration. Interstate sales not permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Class A (residents only); Class B (one nonresident employee allowed).

### Relevant county code

Washington County Code Title 10 Chapter 26 (Home Occupations); St. George City Code §3-7-6

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Washington County official website confirms home occupation categories under Title 10 Chapter 26. St. George city code (3-7-6) directly references Utah Code §4-5-501 cottage food operations in context of home kitchen area limits. County seat 'St. George' was blank in input — confirmed as St. George based on county data. Southwest Utah Public Health Department handles health permits for the region. County has both incorporated cities (St. George is the largest) and unincorporated areas with separate permit requirements.

#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://washco.utah.gov>

<https://ag.utah.gov/farmers/regulatory-services/food-safety/home-consumption-and-homemade-food-act/>

<https://www.washco.utah.gov/departments/clerk/business-license-information/>

<https://stgeorge.municipal.codes/Code/3-7-6>

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## State context — Utah cottage food law

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

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**STATUTE**

Utah Code §4-5-501

**ANNUAL SALES CAP**

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**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Yes

**FOOD HANDLER CERT**

Yes

**KITCHEN INSPECTION**

No

**DIRECT SALES ONLY**

No

**INDIRECT SALES**

Yes — Registered cottage food operations may sell through various channels. The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) issues registration; local health departments do not have jurisdiction to regulate compliant cottage food operations except to investigate foodborne illness outbreaks. The state also has a separate Home Consumption and Homemade Food Act (Utah Code Title 4, Chapter 5A) that allows unregistered sales of certain homemade foods with a business license, but only at direct-to-sale farmers markets or direct-to-sale locations with appropriate signage. Food service establishments may not use cottage food products as ingredients in food served to the public.

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

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**STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES**

State statute: <https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title4/Chapter5/4-5-S9.5.html>

State dept cottage food page: <https://ag.utah.gov/farmers/regulatory-services/food-safety/home-consumption-and-homemade-food-act/>

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

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