

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Grant County

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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
RCW §69.22.010-.040	Good	—	MEDIUM	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 (Washington state cottage food law (RCW §69.22) allows home kitchen production of non-potentially hazardous foods with a biennial permit and annual inspection. Permitted foods include non-PHF baked goods, baked/stovetop candies, jams/jellies/preserves/fruit butters (21 CFR §150), and other non-PHF foods approved by WSDA. No internet, mail order, or out-of-state retail sales allowed. Only permittee or persons under direct supervision may handle products or be in kitchen during processing.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No one other than the permittee or persons under direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing; pets implicitly excluded during production.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (Grant County zoning may require a home occupation permit; no Grant County-specific cottage food zoning rules identified. Operators should check with Grant County Planning at (509) 754-2011.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

Yes (Annual basic hygiene inspections required; WSDA (or county health authority) inspects home kitchen as part of biennial permit (\$125 biennial permit + \$75 public health review fee + \$30 processing fee).)

## Home kitchen rules

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<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No one other than the permittee or persons under direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing; pets implicitly excluded during production.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific water supply requirement stated in RCW §69.22 beyond general food safety; public health review fee applies at permitting.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Required as part of the annual basic hygiene inspection and food handler permit under RCW 69.06.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods only; must prevent contamination.

## Inspection & permitting

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<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

**Customer-facing rules**

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales allowed in person; no internet or mail order sales; no out-of-state sales. Sales at farmers markets, events, and from home permitted with valid cottage food permit.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only permittee or persons under direct supervision; effectively family/household members only during production.

**Relevant county code**

No Grant County-specific code section identified for cottage food.

**RESEARCH NOTES**

No Grant County-specific cottage food overrides found. Rules follow Washington state baseline under RCW §69.22.010-.040. Washington has one of the more burdensome cottage food permit systems nationally: biennial permit with annual inspection, food handler card required, applicant must grant right of entry to the home. No sales cap. Grant County is rural eastern Washington; operators apply through WSDA and local public health district.

**SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME**

- <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>

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

## State context — Washington cottage food law

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

<b>STATUTE</b> RCW §69.22.010-.040	<b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b> —
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b> Yes	<b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b> Yes
<b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b> Yes	<b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b> Yes
<b>INDIRECT SALES</b> No — 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.	

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

### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=69.22.040>

State dept cottage food page: <https://agr.wa.gov/services/business-services/food-safety-and-licensing/cottage-food-operations>

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

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