

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Grays Harbor 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 (Nonpotentially-hazardous baked goods, baked and stovetop candies, jams/jellies/preserves/fruit butters, and other nonpotentially hazardous foods identified by rule. No THC ingredients. Only permittee or persons under direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No persons other than permittee or directly supervised persons allowed in kitchen during processing.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (State-level biennial cottage food permit required from WSDA. Grays Harbor County public health administers local inspection component. No Grays Harbor County-specific additional cottage food ordinance found.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Annual basic hygiene inspections required. Biennial permit with inspection (\$125 fee plus \$75 public health review + \$30 processing fee).)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — Nonpotentially-hazardous baked goods, baked and stovetop candies, jams/jellies/preserves/fruit butters, and other nonpotentially hazardous foods identified by rule. No THC ingredients. Only permittee or persons under direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during processing.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No persons other than permittee or directly supervised persons allowed in kitchen during processing.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required.
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker’s permit required under chapter 69.06 RCW.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially-hazardous shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes — Annual basic hygiene inspections required. Biennial permit with inspection (\$125 fee plus \$75 public health review + \$30 processing fee).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — State-level biennial cottage food permit required from WSDA. Grays Harbor County public health administers local inspection component. No Grays Harbor County-specific additional cottage food ordinance found.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales to end consumers only within Washington. No internet, mail order, or out-of-state sales. No sales to restaurants or grocery stores.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only permittee or persons under direct supervision may handle cottage food or be in the kitchen during processing.

Relevant county code

RCW §69.22.010-.040. No Grays Harbor County-specific code section found.

RESEARCH NOTES

Grays Harbor County follows Washington State cottage food law (RCW §69.22). Annual inspections required. No county-specific overrides found. Confidence: medium (state law verified, no county-specific ordinance confirmed).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Grays Harbor County	Lewis County	Mason County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No persons other than permittee or directly supervised persons allowed in kitchen during processing.	Kitchen must pass hygiene inspection.	No one other than permittee or persons under direct supervision may be in kitchen during processing; pets should be excluded
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales to end consumers only within Washington. No internet, mail order, or out-of-state sales. No sales to restaurants or grocery st...	Direct in-person sales only; no internet, mail order, or out-of-state. Farmers markets, home, and events permitted.	Direct sales only; no internet, mail order, or retail sales outside state. Sales at home, farmers markets, and events permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Nonpotentially-hazardous baked goods, baked and stovetop candies, jams/jellies/preserves/ fruit butters, and other nonpotentially hazardous ...	Same as all Washington counties: biennial permit with initial and annual kitchen inspection. Food handler's permit required for all handler...	Must be permitted by WA Department of Agriculture every two years. Permit includes biennial inspection fee (\$125) + public health review fe...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially-hazardous shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.	Standard food safety storage; inspected annually.	Shelf-stable non-PHF foods only; proper storage required
POPULATION	75,672	82,663	66,053

State context — Washington cottage food law

Grays Harbor 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.

STATUTE RCW §69.22.010-.040	ANNUAL SALES CAP —
REGISTRATION REQUIRED Yes	FOOD HANDLER CERT Yes
KITCHEN INSPECTION Yes	DIRECT SALES ONLY Yes
INDIRECT SALES 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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