

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# San Juan County

Washington · Friday Harbor · FIPS 53055 · Population 17,582  
· Crosodo Index #2299\*

| STATE BASELINE      | STATE TIER | ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE) | CONFIDENCE | LAST VERIFIED |
|---------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------|
| RCW §69.22.010-.040 | Good       | —                        | MEDIUM     | 2026-05-06    |

**IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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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.

## WASHINGTON: SAN JUAN COUNTY

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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

## HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operations. Permit fees: approximately \$125 (inspection) + \$75 (public health review) + \$30 (processing). Annual kitchen inspection required. Home kitchen must be the operator's primary residence. San Juan County zoning code is accessible at [sanjuancountywa.gov](http://sanjuancountywa.gov); county islands geography creates unique logistics for direct-to-consumer sales (ferry access, island-based markets).)

## SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

## PETS ALLOWED?

Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. Pet presence during production is prohibited; standard food safety rules apply.

## HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (San Juan County consists of islands in Puget Sound. Unincorporated county zoning code governs home occupation uses. County code is searchable at [sanjuancountywa.gov/2026/Find-County-Code](http://sanjuancountywa.gov/2026/Find-County-Code). Friday Harbor (on San Juan Island, county seat, incorporated town) has its own rules within town limits. The island geography means that direct sales typically occur at local farmers markets or by appointment.)

## ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

## INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Annual basic hygiene inspections required by Washington State Department of Agriculture as a permit condition. Permittee must sign document granting WSDA right of entry to home during normal business hours.)

## Home kitchen rules

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## SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

## PET RESTRICTIONS

Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. Pet presence during production is prohibited; standard food safety rules apply.

## WATER SUPPLY

No specific private water testing requirement cited in RCW §69.22; standard water supply requirements apply per Washington food code.

## HANDWASHING

Food and beverage service worker's permit required under RCW chapter 69.06, implying food handler training and hygiene standards including handwashing.

## FOOD STORAGE

Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.

## Inspection & permitting

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| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE | Varies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## Customer-facing rules

|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP | Conditional                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE         | Conditional                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES | Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Island geography limits logistics; direct home pickup and local island farmers markets are primary channels. Online sales and mail order outside Washington are restricted by statute. |
| MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME   | Only the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may be in the kitchen during processing per RCW §69.22.                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## Relevant county code

San Juan County Zoning Code (home occupation provisions); RCW §69.22; WAC 16-149

### RESEARCH NOTES

San Juan County is an island archipelago county in Puget Sound. The county code search portal was confirmed at [sanjuancountywa.gov](https://sanjuancountywa.gov). Specific home occupation ordinance sections were not retrieved in detail. Island geography creates unique logistics for direct-to-consumer cottage food sales. State baseline (RCW §69.22 / WAC 16-149) is the operative food safety framework. Defaulting to state baseline with medium confidence.

### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.sanjuancountywa.gov/2026/Find-County-Code>

<https://www.sanjuancountywa.gov>

<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>

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

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

| Regulation                 | San Juan County                                                                                                                                | Jefferson County                                                                                                                               | Clallam County                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. P... | Persons other than the permittee and those under their direct supervision are prohibited in the kitchen during production per RCW §69.22. P... | No persons other than permittee or directly supervised persons allowed in kitchen during processing. This effectively excludes pets from th... |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Island geography limits legis... | Washington state cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales at farmers markets, events, and from home. Jefferson County cottage indu... | Direct sales to end consumers only. No internet, mail order, or retail sales outside the state. Cannot sell to restaurants or grocery store... |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operation... | Washington state law (RCW §69.22) requires a biennial permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for cottage food operation... | Nonpotentially-hazardous baked goods, baked and stovetop candies, jams/jellies/preserves/fruit butters, and other nonpotentially hazardous ... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.                               | Standard food storage requirements per Washington food safety rules; products must be non-potentially hazardous.                               | Non-potentially-hazardous shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.                                                                  |
| POPULATION                 | 17,582                                                                                                                                         | 32,221                                                                                                                                         | 77,333                                                                                                                                         |

## State context — Washington cottage food law

San Juan 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.

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