

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Snohomish County

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## STATE BASELINE

RCW §69.22 (Washington Cottage Food Operations law)

## STATE TIER

Good

## ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

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## 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 (State baseline applies. Cottage food must be produced in operator’s home kitchen. \$25,000 annual gross sales cap. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Snohomish Health District oversees food safety in the county.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

State baseline: pets excluded from food preparation areas

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (Snohomish County has home occupation permit requirements for unincorporated areas. Incorporated cities (Everett, Marysville, Lynnwood, etc.) have their own home occupation rules. Contact Snohomish County Planning and Development Services for unincorporated area rules.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

Upon-complaint (Snohomish Health District may inspect upon complaint. WSDA has oversight.)

### Home kitchen rules

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED** Yes — State baseline applies. Cottage food must be produced in operator’s home kitchen. \$25,000 annual gross sales cap. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Snohomish Health District oversees food safety in the county.

**SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN** No

**PET RESTRICTIONS** State baseline: pets excluded from food preparation areas

**WATER SUPPLY** Potable water required

**HANDWASHING** Standard sanitation practices; food handler permit may be required for market sales

**FOOD STORAGE** Standard food storage

### 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	Direct-to-consumer only: home, farmers markets, events, online with delivery. No wholesale. \$25,000 annual cap.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Unknown

### Relevant county code

RCW §69.22; Snohomish County zoning for home occupations

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Snohomish County follows Washington state baseline for cottage food. The Snohomish Health District (snohd.org) handles local food safety enforcement. No Snohomish County-specific cottage food ordinance found beyond state law. Home occupation permits required for the business aspect under county zoning for unincorporated areas.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.snohd.org>

<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/planning>

<https://snohomishcountywa.gov>

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

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

## State context — Washington cottage food law

Snohomish 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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<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.	

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

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### 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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