

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Spokane 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 (Non-potentially hazardous foods only. \$355 permit fee (2-year). Kitchen inspection by WSDA required before permit issued. \$35,000 annual gross sales cap. Food Worker’s Card required from local county health department. Master Business License through WA Dept. of Revenue required. Connected to approved water source required.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Kitchen must pass WSDA inspection including all permitted areas (kitchen, packaging area, restroom, raw ingredient and finished product storage)

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (WSDA explicitly states operators must comply with all applicable county and municipal laws and zoning ordinances for conducting business from home. Local city or town government may ban home food production in areas not zoned for commerce. Spokane County unincorporated areas: check Spokane County Building and Planning Department for home occupation rules. City of Spokane: check City of Spokane Planning for home occupation permit requirements. Local zoning ordinances still required to be followed.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (WSDA inspection required prior to permitting; additional inspections may occur upon permit expiration or following complaint/suspected violation)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Kitchen must pass WSDA inspection including all permitted areas (kitchen, packaging area, restroom, raw ingredient and finished product storage)
WATER SUPPLY	Kitchen must be connected to an approved water source; verified during WSDA inspection
HANDWASHING	Required as part of WSDA kitchen inspection compliance
FOOD STORAGE	All permitted areas including storage areas inspected by WSDA. Products stored in primary domestic residence.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales within Washington. No wholesale to stores or restaurants. \$35,000 annual gross cap. Online sales via website permitted. Delivery to consumers permitted.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law

Relevant county code

RCW §69.22.010-.040 (Cottage Food Operations); WAC 16-149 (Cottage Foods). Local: Spokane County Building & Planning zoning codes.

RESEARCH NOTES

Washington state cottage food requires: \$355 fee, 2-year permit, WSDA pre-operational inspection, \$35,000 annual cap, Food Worker’s Card from local health department, Master Business License, approved water source. WSDA page confirms local zoning compliance required. City of Spokane may ban home food production in non-commercial zones — operators must verify. Spokane County is both an urban county (City of Spokane) and large rural county. Local home occupation permit specifics for Spokane County/City not confirmed from direct source. Confidence medium.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.spokanecounty.org>

<https://agr.wa.gov/cottagefood>

<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/spokane-county-discuss>

State context — Washington cottage food law

Spokane 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	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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