

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Walla Walla County

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## STATE BASELINE

RCW §69.22.010-.040; WAC 16-149

## 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 (Must obtain biennial WA Department of Agriculture permit with inspection. Non-PHF foods only. All food handlers must have food and beverage service worker’s permit. Biennial permit fee: \$125 + \$75 + \$30.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Only permittee and persons under direct supervision in kitchen during processing

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Conditional (Walla Walla County is in southeastern Washington (wine country). Cottage industry typically permitted as accessory use in residential zones. Must obtain master business license before cottage food permit. Contact Walla Walla County Planning at (509) 524-2610.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Conditional

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

Yes (Pre-permit inspection; annual hygiene inspections by WA Department of Agriculture)

## Home kitchen rules

<b>HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED</b>	Yes — Must obtain biennial WA Department of Agriculture permit with inspection. Non-PHF foods only. All food handlers must have food and beverage service worker’s permit. Biennial permit fee: \$125 + \$75 + \$30.
<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Only permittee and persons under direct supervision in kitchen during processing
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Handwashing facilities required
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	Yes — Pre-permit inspection; annual hygiene inspections by WA Department of Agriculture
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Conditional — Walla Walla County is in southeastern Washington (wine country). Cottage industry typically permitted as accessory use in residential zones. Must obtain master business license before cottage food permit. Contact Walla Walla County Planning at (509) 524-2610.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Yes

## Customer-facing rules

<b>ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP</b>	Conditional
<b>ON-SITE SIGNAGE</b>	Conditional
<b>DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES</b>	Direct sales only; no internet, mail order, or retail sales outside state. Sales at home, farmers markets, and events permitted.
<b>MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME</b>	Only permittee and persons under direct supervision

## Relevant county code

Walla Walla County zoning ordinance — contact Planning

### RESEARCH NOTES

Walla Walla County is Washington's wine country region. Washington requires biennial WA Dept of Agriculture permit with inspection and annual hygiene inspections. Master business license required before cottage food permit. No specific Walla Walla County cottage food restrictions found beyond state framework. No county URLs in input.

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### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx/default.aspx?cite=16-149&full=true&pdf=true>

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

## State context — Washington cottage food law

Walla Walla 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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