

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Yakima 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 (Biennial permit required with inspection. Fee: \$125 inspection + \$75 public health review + \$30 processing. All food handlers must hold food and beverage service worker’s permit (RCW 69.06). Annual basic hygiene inspections. Applicant must grant director right of entry during normal business hours. Only permittee or persons under direct supervision may handle products or be in kitchen during processing.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No pets in food preparation area during processing (persons not allowed other than permittee and direct supervision)

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Yakima County does not have county URL listed. Local zoning in Yakima County and City of Yakima may require home occupation permits. Check with Yakima County Planning Department.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Yes (Annual basic hygiene inspection required; initial inspection before permit issued)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No pets in food preparation area during processing (persons not allowed other than permittee and direct supervision)
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well testing may be required
HANDWASHING	Food and beverage service worker’s permit (RCW 69.06) required for all food handlers
FOOD STORAGE	Nonpotentially-hazardous foods only; CDPH-type approved list (baked goods, jams/ jellies, candies, etc.)

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes — Annual basic hygiene inspection required; initial inspection before permit issued
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional — Yakima County does not have county URL listed. Local zoning in Yakima County and City of Yakima may require home occupation permits. Check with Yakima County Planning Department.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only; no internet, mail order, or retail sales outside Washington State. Products may only be sold within Washington.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Only permittee or persons under direct supervision; no independent hired workers

Relevant county code

RCW §69.22.010-.040; Yakima County zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Yakima County WA is listed as 'pattern' verification status with no county URLs. Washington State cottage food law (RCW §69.22) requires biennial permit with annual inspection — among the more burdensome frameworks nationally. Washington WSDA administers the permit statewide. No Yakima County-specific cottage food ordinance found. Confidence medium — state law confirmed but no specific Yakima County .gov source found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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>

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

State context — Washington cottage food law

Yakima 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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