

What Kinds of Food?

- Baked Goods
 - Bread
 - Brownies
 - Cookies
 - Cake
 - Fruit Pie
 - Cobbler
- Candy
- Unfilled Baked Donuts
- Dry Baking Mixes
- Dry Cereal
- Dry Herbs and Herb Blends
- Dry Seasoning Blends
- Dry Soup Mixes
- Dry Tea Blends
- Flavored Honey Produced by an Exempt Beekeeper
- Freeze-Dried Candies
- Fruit Butter
- Fruit Chutneys, Non-Acidified
- Fruit Jam
- Fruit Jelly
- Granola
- Granola Bars
 - Dipped in Candy or Chocolate
- Maple Sugar Produced by an Exempt Syrup Producer
- Nut snack mixes with seasonings
- Pizzelles
- Popcorn
 - Flavored Popcorn
 - Kettle Corn
 - Popcorn Balls
 - Caramel Corn
- Roasted coffee (whole or ground beans)
 - Flavoring Permitted
- Waffle cones
 - Dipped in Candy or Chocolate



Definitions

- A **“Cottage Food Production Operation”** means that a person who, in the person’s home, produces non-TCS (temperature-controlled safety) foods that are specified in this pamphlet and section 3715.025 of the Revised Code.
- **“Home”** means the primary residence occupied by the residence’s owner. The owner of the cottage food operation may only prepare foods in their own residential kitchen. The home may only contain one stove or oven that is used for cooking (a double oven is acceptable). Commercial grade cooking equipment is not allowed. The home must be located in the state of Ohio.



Environmental Health sanitarians inspect restaurants, grocery stores, and other food facilities to ensure that food is being handled, stored and cooked properly. At home, you can use many of the same safety tips to ensure the food you prepare is safe for your family and customers to eat. Visit our website or contact us for more details.

Cottage Food Operation

Certain foods in Ohio can be made in the home and sold at the retail level. The information provided gives an overview of the rules and regulations for a cottage food operation.



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Selling Cottage Foods

Cottage foods may only be sold in the State of Ohio. Cottage foods may not be sold on the internet. Cottage foods may only be sold:

- Directly to the end customer from the site of preparation (home)
- Through licensed food operations and retail food establishments
- At farm markets
- At farmers markets
- To a licensed restaurant to be sold or used in the preparation of their food
- A festival/celebration organized by a political jurisdiction for no more than 7 days.

Packaging>>>

Cottage foods must be packaged and labeled prior to leaving the home where they are produced. Cottage foods cannot be packaged using reduced oxygen packaging, more commonly known as vacuum-sealing.



Labeling>>>

Cottage foods must be labeled properly, otherwise the food will be considered misbranded or adulterated and may not be sold. Labels must include the following:

- The name of the food product
- Name and address of the cottage food production operation
- All ingredients of the food product, in descending order by predominance of weight, including sub-ingredients
- The net weight or net volume of the food product (US and metric units)
- The statement: "This Product is Home Produced" in ten-point font
- Any nutritional claims (low fat, low sodium, reduces heart disease, etc.), the label must include a nutrition facts panel
- An allergen statement including the word "Contains" followed by the common name of the food source from which the allergen is derived immediately after or adjacent to the list of ingredients
- Nine Major Food Allergens: milk, tree nuts, eggs, peanuts, fish, wheat, shellfish, soybeans, sesame

Grandma's Granola

Ingredients: Oats, coconut, honey, dried apricots, semi-sweet chocolate chips (sugar, chocolate, cocoa butter, milkfat, soy lecithin, natural flavors), raisins, almonds, sesame seeds, sunflower seeds, wheat germ, oil.

This Product is Home Produced

This product contains: almonds, wheat, milk, soy

Grandma's Goody Shop

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Licensing>>>

Normally, a cottage food operation is exempt from licensure from a local health department. However, there are a few instances where a license is needed:

- If you wish to sell your products at an event such as a craft fair, a religious festival, art show, etc., you must obtain a temporary or mobile license from your local health department.
- If you wish to bake TCS (requiring refrigeration) baked goods (such as cheesecakes, custard pies, cream pies, meringue pies, pumpkin pies, etc), you must obtain a Home Bakery license from the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Additionally, you must also obtain a temporary or mobile license from the local health department if you setup to sell outside of your home.
- HCPH requires 10 day notice for all temporary events.
- HCPH requires a plan review for all new mobile licenses.



Food Safety Training

Hamilton County Public Health regularly offers food safety trainings. Please contact the Environmental Health Division for information about these trainings and how to register.

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