**Cottage Food FAQs**

##### What types of Cottage Foods may I produce?

Breads, cakes, pastries, candies, cookies, bread mixes, fruit pies, jams, jellies, preserves, dried fruits, popcorn, popcorn balls, cotton candy, dry herbs, seasonings, cereals, trail-mixes, granolas, coated and un-coated nuts and vinegar and flavored vinegar.

##### What foods may we not sell as Cottage Foods?

Home canned foods and sauces, pickled items, breads/cakes/pies made with home canned food ingredients, apple cider, dried or dehydrated meats or chicken (jerkies), apple (fruit) butters, pumpkin butter or other fruit butters. Additionally, foods containing cream cheese frosting, uncooked egg, custard or meringue may not be sold.

##### Why are some products not allowed to be sold as Cottage foods?

This is due to the inherent risks that may be associated with these non-allowable foods, since they will not be inspected or regulated by Local/State/Federal health officials. The bill passed by the Nevada Legislature allowed only certain listed foods to be provided.

##### Do I need a Health Permit to sell Cottage Foods?

No, but you need to be registered with the Washoe County Health District to sell in Washoe County. To sell in other Nevada Counties you must be registered with the Health Authority which has jurisdiction in that area.

Carson City Health and Human Services (775)-8872190, [www.gethealthycarsoncity.org](http://www.gethealthycarsoncity.org)

Southern Nevada Health District (702) 759-0588, [www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org](http://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org)

All other rural areas-Nevada Department of Health and Humans Services (775) 687-7550 <http://health.nv.gov/BFHS_EHS.htm>

##### Are there production limits for my Cottage Food Business?

The Nevada Legislature (SB 206 77/2013) has placed a $35,000.00 per year limit to the amount of money that one can earn in the Cottage Food Industry.

##### Can I sell cottage food over the phone or the internet?

No, you may not sell cottage food over the internet or the phone. The cottage food law disallows this.

##### Can I sell my Cottage foods to a wholesaler, etc.?

No, your foods are not inspected/produced under the required industry standards. The cottage food law disallows this.

##### Why can’t I sell to my favorite restaurant, etc.?

Your foods are not inspected/produced under the required industry standards (USDA, FDA) that are required for routine sales/use to the food service industry. The cottage food law disallows this.

##### Where may I sell my Cottage Foods?

In your home, at a roadside stand on your own property, flea market, swap meet, church bazaar, garage sale or craft fair.

##### Must I put a label on my Cottage foods?

Yes, see the Cottage Food Fact Sheet and Food Safety Guidelines for details.

##### How do I file a complaint against a Cottage Food operation?

Contact your local Health District.

##### Can I give out samples?

You can give out samples if they are prepackaged. If the samples are not prepackaged a temporary sampling permit will be needed. Contact the Health District for details on obtaining a temporary sampling permit.

##### Do I need to obtain a Business License?

Contact the following Business License Departments. Washoe County (775) 328-3733
City of Reno (775) 334-2090 City of Sparks (775) 353-2360

##### Do I need to collect Sales Tax?

Please visit the Nevada [Department of Taxation](http://tax.state.nv.us/) web page for further details.

##### Where can I find a copy of the Cottage Food Law?

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/SB/SB206_EN.pdf>

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-446.html>