

Cottage Food Registration Resources

Registration:

Website for Cottage Food Producer Registration -- Basic Registration Process

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/cottagefood>

Frequently Asked Questions website

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/cottagefood/cflfaqs.aspx>

Cottage food producers must do the following:

1. Register with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) before selling exempt food regardless of the amount of food sold.
2. Take an approved food safety course once every three years while actively selling cottage food.
3. Register with the MDA each year food is sold under the Cottage Food Exemption.
4. Prepare and sell only NON-potentially hazardous food (such as baked goods, certain jams and jellies) and/or home canned pickles, vegetables, or fruits with a pH of 4.6 or lower.
5. Label food with your name and address, the date produced, and the ingredients, including potential allergens.
6. Display a sign that says "These products are homemade and not subject to state inspection." If you are selling on the Internet, post this statement on your webpage.
7. Deliver food directly to the ultimate consumer. The person who makes the food must be the same person who sells and delivers the food.
8. Sell from a private home, at farmer's markets, community events, or on the Internet.
9. Check with your local city, county, or township regarding business licensing or sales prohibitions due to zoning requirements.
10. Sell less than \$18,000 in a calendar year. If you sell between \$5,000 and \$18,000 dollars per year a \$50 fee applies to your registration.