



City of Atascadero Community Development Department

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Cottage Food Operations Summary Requirements

This handout is a quick summary of the County of San Luis Obispo Environmental Health Services “Cottage Food Operation Requirements,” document. Please refer to the original document for the full details and compliance with the rules and regulations of the County.

To obtain the forms and regulations please visit:

<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/health/publichealth/ehs/services/food/foodformsref.htm?PageMode=Print>

“Cottage Food Operations” are any enterprise that services the public with food prepared in a private residence. The County of San Luis Obispo Environmental Health Services classifies the cottage food operations into two separate categories: “Class A” or “Class B”

1. “Class A” cottage food operation is a cottage food operation that directly sells food and product from the private residence.
2. “Class B” cottage food operation is a cottage food operation that directly and or indirectly sells to the public. Indirectly means preparing food on site and serving the food at a venue, offsite event, or third-party food facility.

The following foods are listed under the “Approved Food Product List” and can only be prepared in the kitchen of a cottage food operation:

1. Baked goods without cream, custard, or meat fillings, such as breads, biscuits, churros, cookies, pastries, and tortillas.
2. Candy, such as brittle and toffee.
3. Chocolate-covered nonperishable foods, such as nuts and dried fruit.
4. Dried fruit.
5. Dried pasta.
6. Dry baking mixes.
7. Fruit pies, fruit empanadas, and fruit tamales.
8. Granola, cereals, and trail mixes.
9. Herb blends and dried mole paste.
10. Honey and sweet sorghum syrup.
11. Jams, jellies, preserves, and fruit butter.
12. Nut mixes and nut butters.
13. Popcorn.
14. Vinegar and mustard.
15. Roasted coffee and dried tea.
16. Waffle cones and pretzels.

Required Documents for Issuance of Home Occupation Permit

No Cottage Food Operation shall be open for business in the City of Atascadero unless registered, inspected, and permitted with the San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Services. The following lists are required before issuance of Home Occupation Business License:

Class A:

- Shall be registered with San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Service and submit a completed, self-certification checklist.

Class B:

- Shall be registered with San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Service and submit a completed, self-certification checklist.
- Provide a copy of approved inspection by the San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Services to be permitted to operate and engage in direct and indirect sales of food products.