



Cottage Food Operation Fact Sheet

A cottage food operation, as allowed by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 446, means a natural person who manufactures or prepares food items in a non-food establishment setting for sale to a natural person.

In Clark County, a cottage food operation cannot prepare or sell food items at a health district permitted food establishment.

Sale of Cottage Food Products

NRS 446 specifies where and to whom cottage food products can be sold:

- Must be direct to the end consumer and not for resale.
- May take place on the cottage food operator's private property, site of manufacture, or at a farmer's market, swap meet, flea market, church bazaar, garage sale or craft fair.
- To remain exempted from permitting, cottage foods sold at a venue that is regulated by the health district, such as a farmers' market or swap meet, must stay in its durable packaging with proper labeling affixed.
 - Food samples may be individually pre-portioned in closed, disposable containers at the cottage food operation kitchen for sample distribution at the sale site. Open product sampling requires a health permit to operate. Contact the Environmental Health Plan Review program at (702) 759-1258 if you have permitting questions.

Manufactured Foods Items

Per NRS 446, foods that can be manufactured by cottage food operations are limited to the following items:

- Nuts and nut mixes;
- Candies;
- Jams, jellies, and preserves;
- Vinegar and flavored vinegar;
- Dry herbs and seasoning mixes;
- Dried fruits;



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- Cereals, trail mixes, and granola;
- Popcorn and popcorn balls; or
- Baked goods that:
 - Are not potentially hazardous foods;
 - Do not contain cream, uncooked egg, custard, meringue or cream cheese frosting or garnishes, fillings or frostings with low sugar content; and
 - Do not require time or temperature controls for food safety.

Before Sale

Before selling foods, the cottage food operator must do the following:

- Determine the type of durable packaging that will be used to protect the food items from contamination during transport, display, sale and purchase by consumers.
- Design labeling for the food product (see Labeling Guide). If product is sold at a venue under regulation by the health district, a label review is required.
- Register the cottage food operation with the health district.