



# COTTAGE FOOD OPERATION INFORMATION

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On September 21, 2012 Assembly Bill (AB) 1616, known as the Cottage Food Bill, was passed into law and became effective on January 1, 2013. AB 1616 was instituted to allow individuals to produce and/or package specific non-potentially hazardous foods in private-home kitchens. Following the approval of the Cottage Food Bill, the Rancho Cucamonga Planning Department updated the City's Development Code allowing for the establishment of cottage food operations, subject to the following requirements and conditions:

## **Requirements:**

- All cottage food businesses are required to obtain a Business License and Home Occupation Permit from the City of Rancho Cucamonga in order to operate.
- Applicants must also contact the County of San Bernardino Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Services (DEHS), at 1-800-442-2283, for all necessary Health Permits. Applications for Cottage Food Operations Registration/Health Permit may be obtained from the DEHS website at:  
<http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/programs/ehs/>
- As approved by the California Department of Public Health, all cottage food businesses shall be limited to producing and selling the following non-potentially hazardous foods:
  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 that comply with the standard described in part 150 of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations
  12. Nut mixes and nut butters
  13. Popcorn
  14. Vinegar and mustard
  15. Roasted coffee and dried tea
  16. Waffle cones and pizelles
- Any foods not covered under AB 1616 (listed above), including pre-packaged foods as well as hot beverages (cocoa, coffee, cider, tea) are prohibited from being sold.
- The sale of any cottage food products from residential property shall be limited to between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Any sales past 8:00 p.m. are not allowed.

**Should you have any questions regarding cottage food information, please do not hesitate to contact the Business Licenses Department at (909) 919-2948 or the Planning Department at (909) 477-2750.**