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Cottage Food Operator New Applicant Instructions

Thank you for your interest in the Cottage Food program here in Lassen County. Please fill out and return the enclosed forms along with the applicable fee. Also, please include a proposed food label (exactly as it will appear on the product), water test results if required, and the approved foods list with the products you plan to make circled.

Notes:

If you have a domestic well as a water source, then you will be required to have your water tested by a California certified water laboratory. You must test the water for total and fecal bacteria before opening, and every 6 months thereafter. You must also test for nitrate and nitrite before opening. You won't be asked to test for those chemicals again unless your first test shows high levels. A list of approved labs is enclosed. It is recommended to inquire with your chosen laboratory how they would like the sample taken.

If you are going to sell directly to customers (i.e. they obtain it from your home or event), then you will need a Class A permit. Please fill out the self-certification checklist. The current fee for a Class A permit is \$85.00.

If you are going to sell your food via a third party (ex: other licensed food facility), then you will need a class B permit. Your home will require a pre-opening inspection, and will be inspected annually thereafter. The self-certification checklist is not required. The current fee for a Class B permit is \$170.00.

You will have 90 days after permitting to obtain your food handlers card and submit a copy to our office.

If you have any further questions please contact our office at (530)251-8528 or ehe@co.lassen.ca.us

Thank you,

Lassen County Environmental Health