



Cottage Food Permit Application Instructions

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Please apply for a Cottage Food Permit through the Customer Self-Service (CSS) portal. Click on the link below.

https://css.forsythco.com/EnerGov_Prod/SelfService/#/home

Once you have created an account, click on “Apply”. Under “License”, request a Cottage Food Permit. Please complete all the required fields and specify all the cottage food products you will be making and selling.

You must have a current Cottage Food License from the Georgia Department of Agriculture to apply for the permit. A copy of the GDA license is required to be attached to your application.

There is a fee of \$25, which will be invoiced as the application is being processed. Payment may then be made by credit card (MC or Visa) through the customer portal.

Cottage Food Operations eligible for a Cottage Food Permit must be conducted in a residence located in an agricultural zoning district, either A1 or Ag-Res.

Requirements:

(A) Only cottage food products listed on the Georgia Department of Agriculture Cottage Food License issued to the cottage food operator shall be produced within a home kitchen of the operator’s domestic residence, and only for sale directly to the consumer. Cottage food products are subject to the rules and regulations of the Georgia Department of Agriculture.

(B) The cottage food producer shall maintain a valid Forsyth County business license. Failure to hold a valid business license will invalidate the Forsyth County Cottage Food Permit.

(C) Cottage food operations are prohibited within major subdivisions.

(D) Off-street parking must be provided to accommodate all customers. The maximum number of customers on the premises shall not exceed five (5) at any given time.