

Cottage Food Operations

How do I operate under this new law?

To operate under the Cottage Food Operation law, please follow these steps:

Step 1) Obtain Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) certification.

An ANSI accredited Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) certification obtained through a course and passing the exam is sufficient.

Step 2) Register with the Effingham County Health Department

You will next need to complete and submit a registration form to the Effingham County Health Department after you have received your CFPM. Your certification number and expiration date are required to submit a registration form.

After your submitted form is reviewed, registration confirmation will be provided to you. You may need to take the registration confirmation with you to other counties. There is currently no fee for registration in Effingham County to operate under the Cottage Food Operations law. Registration is required annually.

Step 3) Follow all other requirements in the law.

You are responsible for all other provisions in the law including but not limited to:

- ✓ Product packaging,
- ✓ Product labeling,
- ✓ Displaying a placard with the required language,
- ✓ Not exceeding gross receipts of \$25,000 in a calendar year from the sale of food exempted under this law, and
- ✓ Selling allowed foods only at farmers' markets in Illinois.