

TOWN OF BEDFORD HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
HOMESTEAD FOOD SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Bedford Health Department allows residents to make approved products from their home and sell to the general public.

The approved products that can be sold from the resident's kitchen include the following:

- Baked items, including, but not limited to, bread, rolls, muffins, cookies, brownies, and cakes.
- Double crusted fruit pies
- Candy and fudge
- Packaged dry products, which include, but are not limited to, spices and herbs.

Special processing approval must be given by the health department for the following products that can be made in resident's kitchen:

- Acid foods, including but not limited to, vinegars and mustard, jams and jellies.

**RESIDENTS SHALL NOT MAKE ANY PRODUCTS THAT REQUIRE REFRIGERATION AND SELL TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC FROM THEIR KITCHEN.**

If residents want to sell their products at farm stands, farmers market, or from the license holder's residence, the applicant or license holder shall apply for Class H license.

If the residents' income selling their homestead products exceeds \$20,000 dollars, a Class D license is required.

#### HOMESTEAD REQUIREMENTS

- Commercial equipment shall not be required
- The kitchen shall be equipped with either:
  - A 2-compartment sink, or
  - A residential model dish machine and a one-compartment sink.

Products made in a residential kitchen and to be sold in packages must have all of the following labeling requirements:

- (a) The common or usual name of the product;
- (b) The name and address of the manufacturer's, packer's, or distributor's business which shall :(
  - 1) In the case of an individual, partnership, or association be the name under which the business is conducted;
  - (2) In the case of a corporation, be the name of the parent corporation; or

- (3) Where the food is not processed by the person whose name appears on the label, the name on the label shall be qualified by a phrase which reveals the connection such a person has with the food, including but not limited to, "Manufactured for \_\_\_\_\_", "Distributed by \_\_\_\_\_", or any other wording which expresses the facts;
- (c) The ingredients in descending order of predominance by weight;
  - (d) The net weight, volume, or numerical count in both U.S. customary and metric; and
  - (e) A product code which includes date of manufacture, container size, and product lot or batch number to aid in a recall of product in case of a public health hazard.

Residents that want to make products for sale to the general public can complete and Town of Bedford Health Department Food Service Application and submit to the Health Department.

Any questions please contact the Health Department at 472-3838.