

# Partner with a local cottage food producer!

Becoming a cottage food vendor is an easy way to expand your local offerings with *no added regulatory burden*.

Texas Senate Bill 541 (effective September 1, 2025) allows retailers and restaurants to resell eligible cottage (homemade) foods through a simple vendor registration. Local governments may not add extra requirements. (Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 437). This creates a low-risk, high-value opportunity to carry unique local foods your customers already want.

## What This Partnership Means for You

As a retailer, you may sell eligible cottage food products by registering as a Cottage Food Vendor. The process is simple, free, and does not change your existing food permits.

Your Requirements (It's Simple):

1. One-time registration with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)
  - Free online registration (there's even a walk-through video at [homemadetexas.org](http://homemadetexas.org))
  - Takes about 10–15 minutes
2. Display a required disclosure sign near the product
  - On request, the cottage food producer may even provide the signage
3. Stock and sell the product
  - No additional inspections
  - No local permits
  - No fees or reporting
  - No changes to your existing food license

## What You Do NOT Need to Do

- No health department inspections related to cottage food
- No commercial kitchen involvement
- No special handling beyond normal retail practices
- No additional insurance or licenses required by the state

## Next Steps

1. Confirm partnership details (pricing, ordering, delivery)
2. Complete free DSHS Cottage Food Vendor registration
3. Place provided signage near the product
4. Start selling

