

FOOD RESCUE



California produces nearly half of the nation's fruit and vegetables, yet 1 in 8 Californians struggle with food insecurity, or lack of access to food that one needs to live a healthy lifestyle.

With the passing of Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383), the State of California has mandated surplus food recovery to help combat the effects of methane gas on the environment. The bill requires Tier 1 commercial edible food generators to:

1. Arrange to recover the maximum amount of excess edible food that would otherwise go to landfills.
2. Establish a written agreement with any/all partnering organizations/services that accept edible food from your business.
3. Maintain records of all edible food recovery activities and receipts.
4. Provide copies of written agreement(s) with food recovery organization(s) each year.

Tier 1 Edible Food Generators Include

- Supermarkets with revenue > \$2 million.
- Grocery stores with Facilities > 10,000 square feet
- Food service providers
- Food Distributors
- Wholesale Food Vendors

SENATE BILL 1383

The California Senate passed a bill requiring a **75% reduction** in organic waste disposal by 2025.



Food Rescue Resources

- California Association of Food Banks (cafoodbanks.org)
- Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County Food Bank (capsbc.org)
- Feeding America (Inland Empire) (feedingamericaie.org)
- Food Finder (foodfinders.us)
- Los Angeles Regional Food Bank (lafoodbank.org)

The Good Samaritan Food Donation Act protects donors from civil and criminal liability should the product donated in good faith later cause harm to the needy recipient. For additional information on the "Good Samaritan Food Donation Act" or food scrap management, visit CalRecycle's Food Scrap Management website.

Please note: Annual site inspections are required to verify SB 1383 edible food recovery compliance.