

COMMERCIAL EDIBLE FOOD RECOVERY

State Law Requires Edible Food Donation

State Senate Bill (SB) 1383 requires commercial edible food generators to donate all leftover or unsold food that would otherwise be disposed by donating the food to a food recovery organization or service such as a food bank or local soup kitchen. Luckily, Coachella Valley businesses can benefit from various local partners.

SB (1383) sets a statewide goal to recover 20% of edible food waste by 2025 to address food insecurity in California and reduce food waste. To reach, TIER 1 Commercial and Edible Food Generators must contract with a food recovery organization or service for the collection or drop-off of edible food starting January 1, 2022.

TIER ONE **IN EFFECT NOW!**

Tier 1 Commercial Edible Food Generators Include:



Supermarkets with \$2 million+ annual revenue



Grocery Stores with 10,000+ sq/ft facility size



Food service providers

TIER TWO

DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE: JANUARY 1, 2024

Tier 2 Commercial Edible Food Generators Include:



Restaurants with 250+ seats or a 5,000+ sq/ft facility



Hotels with on-site food facility and 200+ rooms



Health facilities with on-site food facility and 100+ beds

In 2018, 10.8 % of Californians, (4.3 million people) **did not have enough to eat.**

By May 2020, that number had **doubled to 23% of Californians** (9.2 million people).

(CalRecycle.ca.gov)

What is Edible Food?

Edible food means it is intended for people to eat, including food not sold because of surplus appearance, age, or freshness.

MY BUSINESS IS READY TO START A PROGRAM, WHAT DO I DO?

Commercial Edible Food Generator Requirements:

- 1 Secure a contract or written agreement with an edible food recovery partner to recover the maximum amount of edible food that would otherwise be disposed.
- 2 Keep a list of each food recovery organization or service that receives or collects the edible food and maintain copies of the contracts or agreements.
- 3 Keep a record of the following:
 - a. Name, address and contact information of the service or organization,
 - b. The types of edible food that will be collected by organization,
 - c. The established frequency the at the edible food will be collected,
 - d. The pounds of edible food per month collected, and
 - e. Contact Burrtec to ensure you are compliant.

Local Food Recovery Partners

St. Martha's Village
marthavillage.org

Salvation Army
coachellavalley.salvationarmy.org

Find Food Bank
findfoodbank.org