

Edible Food Donation

ATTN: SAN BENITO BUSINESSES

Feed people, not landfills. It's the law. Learn more at www.sanbenitocountyca.gov/sb1383/efr



FOOD WASTE

Every year, Californians send **11.2 billion pounds of food to landfills**, much of which was still fresh enough to have been recovered to feed people in need.

In 2018, **4.3 million Californians (10.8% of California's population) didn't have enough to eat**. By May 2020, that number had doubled, surging to nearly 1 in 4 Californians who didn't know where their next meal would come from during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To reduce food waste and address food insecurity, excess edible food which is still safe to consume will instead go to food banks, soup kitchens, and other food recovery organizations and services to help feed Californians in need.

WHO MUST COMPLY?

Tier 1 Generators

- Supermarkets (\$2 mil/yr in gross sales)
- Grocery stores ($\geq 10,000$ sq. ft.)
- Food service providers
- Wholesale food vendors
- Food distributors

Tier 2 Generators

- Restaurants (250+ seats or $\geq 5,000$ sq. ft.)
- Hotels (on-site food facility, ≥ 200 rooms)
- Health facilities (on-site food facility, ≥ 100 beds)
- State agency (cafeteria, 250+ seats or $\geq 5,000$ sq. ft.)
- Local education agency facility (on-site food facility)
- Large venues
- Large events

CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 1383 AND FOOD RECOVERY

California Senate Bill 1383 requires that by 2025 California will recover 20 percent of edible food that would otherwise be sent to landfills, to feed people in need. The law directs the following:

- Jurisdictions must establish food recovery programs and strengthen their existing food recovery networks
- Covered businesses must arrange to donate edible food that would otherwise go to landfill
- Food recovery organizations and services that participate in SB 1383 must maintain records of food recovery activities

WHAT IS EDIBLE FOOD?

Edible food includes but is not limited to:

- Prepared foods
- Packaged foods
- Produce

LOCAL FOOD DONATION ORGANIZATIONS

- **Community Food Bank of San Benito County**
CommunityFoodBankofSBC.org

LEARN MORE

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