Edible Food Recovery Program Workshop

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SB 1383


- Signed into law in 2016
- Established two organic waste disposal reduction targets and one edible food recovery goal
- Regulations effective January 1, 2022
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<td>75% Reduction in Landfilled Organic Waste (5.7 Million Tons Allowed Organic Waste Disposal)</td>
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<td>20% Recovery of Currently Disposed Edible Food for Human Consumption</td>
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20% Of currently disposed edible food must be recovered for human consumption by 2025.
Why Food Recovery?
Total Disposed Waste in California
Includes landfill and transformation (Tons)

- Food: 5,859,534
- Non-Food Organic: 7,537,507
- Paper: 6,525,762
- Inerts & Other: 5,556,049
- Miscellaneous: 3,867,339
- Plastic: 4,524,052
- Special Waste: 2,639,651
- Metal: 1,811,134
- Glass: 658,952
- Electronics: 228,480
- Household Hazardous Waste: 95,996

Reference: 2018 Disposal Facility-Based Characterization of Solid Waste in California
Edible food disposal is unnecessary and preventable

Commercial Food Waste
Los Angeles County

- Dumpster is emptied multiple times each day
- Everything in it is sent to a landfill
Nearly 1 in 4 people in Los Angeles County are facing food insecurity

Source: Los Angeles Food Bank
What is Edible Food Recovery & Who Are Commercial Edible Food Generators?
**What Does “Edible Food” Mean?**

“Edible food” means food intended for human consumption.

“Edible food” is not solid waste if it is recovered and not discarded.

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**All Food Donations Must Be in Compliance with the California Retail Food Code**
California Good Samaritan Act

• This law protects organizations and individuals from liability when donating food.
• What many don’t know is that food with an expired “sell by” date can still be safe to eat and safe to donate. This date is primarily intended for retailers to help them track when a product should be sold or removed from a shelf. It is not a “don’t use after” date. AB 1219 aims to increase food donations by clarifying and increasing liability protections for donors.
• The law will provide liability protection for:
  • food donations that have exceeded the sell-by date,
  • food donations that are made directly to end-users (rather than through a nonprofit food recovery intermediary), and
  • “gleaners” who harvest directly from an agricultural crop that has been donated by the owner.
• The bill aims to reduce the amount of food we throw away and divert it to those in our state who need it most.
Commercial Edible Food Generators

**Tier 1**
- Wholesale Food Vendors
- Food Service Providers & Food Distributors
- Grocery Stores
  - Facilities ≥ 10,000 sq. ft.
- Supermarkets

**Tier 2**
- Restaurants
  - Facilities ≥ 5,000 sq. ft.
- Hotels
  - with on-site food facility and ≥ 200 rooms
- Large Venues and Events
- State Agencies with cafeterias
- Local Education Agencies
  - with on-site food facility
- Health Facilities
  - with ≥ 100 beds and on-site food facility

**Starts 2022**

**Starts 2024**
What Are The Requirements?
SB 1383 in Action

**Commercial Edible Food Generators**

**Recover** maximum amount of edible food that would otherwise be disposed

Arrange food recovery through a **contract or written agreement** with:

- Food recovery organizations or services that will **collect** edible food for food recovery
- Food recovery organizations that will accept food that the generator **self hauls**
Model Food Recovery Agreement
The Purpose of a Recovery Agreement

- Assist commercial edible food generators with compliance
- Ensure edible food is recovered in a safe and effective manner
- Protect food recovery organizations and services from “donation dumping”
- Identify potential food recovery arrangements and cost models
- Support cities with developing food recovery programs
- Increase understanding of regulations and compliance strategies
Must Have Enforcement and Inspection Program that Includes:

- Inspections to verify:
  - Edible Food Recovery Contracts and Agreements
  - Recordkeeping

- Tier 1 Commercial Edible Food Generators by 2022
- Tier 2 Commercial Edible Food Generators by 2024

Commercial Edible Food Generator Inspections Can Be Combined with Existing Mandatory Inspections
Cities establish edible food recovery program
Tier 1 commercial edible food generators must be compliant
Jurisdictions begin food recovery capacity planning
Cities begin food recovery education (annually)
Cities begin inspections of Tier 1 generators and food recovery orgs/services

Tier 2 commercial edible food generators must be compliant
Cities begin inspections of Tier 2 commercial edible food generators
Cities take enforcement action for non-compliant entities
Resources Available to Businesses
Free Compliance Software: Careit

Meets All Edible Food Generator Requirements

Post Food Donations

- Download Careit on iOS or Android Device
- Donate food or goods by pick up or self-haul
- Find new or choose specific food recovery organization

Auto-Generated Contract

- Careit auto-generates a downloadable written agreement between donor and nonprofit food recovery organization

Careit Maintains Records

- Name and address of each service or organization
- Food types donated
- Donation frequency
- Quantity in lbs

Meets All Edible Food Generator Requirements
CAREIT

Share it with
CAREIT
I am signing up as a...

Non Profit / Charity
Business
Team Member

Type of Donation

Next

Find Donations

Add up to 8 more photos

Glenwood Oranges

We picked about 4 boxes of naturally sweet oranges from a tree. Please take all.

Soup

Basket of carrots

Available Time:
July 19 2021 5:30 am

Campbell's Soup

Sloppy Joes

Created by: Steve
0.1 miles away

2021 Market Street

Contact
Reserve
Meets All Food Recovery Organization Requirements

Donor List

- Maintain a record of each commercial edible food generator that it provides service

Food Weights

- Track and record the quantity of edible food collected and/or received from each edible food generator per month (in pounds)

FRO List & Weights

- Track contact info for each food recovery organization that the service transports and/or receives edible food to/from for recovery and edible food amounts
OUR MISSION
We provide resources for businesses operating in County unincorporated areas to safely donate their excess edible food to fight hunger in Los Angeles County and divert food waste from the landfills.

OUR VISION
To have all businesses operating in County unincorporated areas safely donate excess edible food to feed people in need in Los Angeles County.

WHY DONATE?
1 in 7 living in LA County live with food insecurity.

HELP FIGHT HUNGER
Each year, County unincorporated areas toss 128,000 tons of food into the trash. Public Works partnered with local charities in Los Angeles County to offer businesses a food donation option through Food DROP.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE
All businesses who donate to a 501(c)(3) that uses the food for the care of the ill, the needy, or infants qualifies for an enhanced tax deduction. Contact a tax professional for additional guidance.

FoodDropLA.com
GETTING STARTED!

Be a Business that CARES:

1. **CHECK YOUR INVENTORY**
   Identify what food can be donated and get manager buy-in.

2. **ARRANGE FOR A MEETING**
   If you are in an unincorporated area, Public Works will help you develop a food donation plan. To schedule a meeting call (888) CLEAN-LA.

3. **REACH OUT**
   Identify non-profit(s) that work with your plan and set up a donation schedule.

4. **ENGAGE YOUR STAFF**
   Educate your team about the program, what foods are suitable to donate and how to handle and store food for successful donation.

5. **START DONATING!**
   Communicate regularly with the non-profit(s) and make adjustment as needed to ensure a successful donation partnership.

HOW TO SAFELY DONATE

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health supports safe food donation of surplus food.

Follow Public Health’s Guidelines for Safe Food Donation. Donated foods must:

- **BE AN APPROVED SOURCE OF DONATED FOODS**
- **REMAIN WITHIN TEMPERATURE CONTROL**
- **STAY PROTECTED FROM CONTAMINATION**

For guidance on donating surplus food, visit publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/LACFR or call Public Health’s Environmental Health Consultative Services at (828) 430-5320, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

TAX DEDUCTION

Food donation can be tax deductible. Contact a tax professional for additional guidance.

CONTACT US

For more information or to schedule a free consultation for your business, call Los Angeles County Public Works at (888) CLEAN-LA (888) 263-2652 Monday – Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
email: FoodDROPLA@pw.lacounty.gov
FoodDROPLA.com

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - Learn about their Food Recovery Challenge at epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/food-recovery-challenge-5rc
publichealth.lacounty.gov/en/LACFR
Food Donation Toolkit

The Toolkit consists of:
(a) State legislation regarding organic waste diversion and food donation
(b) LA County Department of Public Health’s food safety guidelines
(c) Interactive map of our food recovery partners
(d) Food DROP brochure
(e) Tracking form
Interactive Map of Food DROP Food Recovery Partners
Other Food Donation Resources

Every jurisdiction will post local Food Recovery Organizations on their websites.

Check your cities website for more local resources.
Feedback

We Are All In This Together - How Can We Help You?

Let us know what questions, concerns or needs you may have so we can share it with the cities!
Resources

General information, case studies, implementation examples
https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/education

LA County Resources

Fact Sheet:
https://pw.lacounty.gov/epd/sbr/pdfs/FD/FactSheet.pdf

Donation Guidelines

Link to map with Food Recovery Orgs:
https://pw.lacounty.gov/epd/sbr/find-recycler.aspx?z=&m=Food+Donation&mt=

Food Drop Brochure:
https://pw.lacounty.gov/epd/sbr/pdfs/FoodDROP%20Brochure.pdf

Food Donation Tracking form for Food Facility Operators:
https://pw.lacounty.gov/epd/sbr/pdfs/FD/FDTrackingForm.pdf

Careit
https://careitapp.com/

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Resource Page
https://www.sgvcog.org/regional-food-recovery-program

CalRecycle Resources

SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Recordkeeping Tools
https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/recordkeeping/

Food Donor Info
https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/foodrecovery/donors

Food Recovery Organizations and Services
https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/foodrecovery/organizations

Organics Material Management Email List -
https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Listservs/Subscribe/88

FAQ
https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/faq

These resources are for our 14 participating cities (Alhambra, Azusa, Covina, Duarte, Glendora, Irwindale, La Canada Flintridge, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pomona, San Marino, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut). If you are a businesses from a non-participating city, you can reach out to your respective cities to inquire more about their SB 1383 compliance plans.