



Senate Bill 1383: Edible Food Recovery Requirements for Businesses & Institutions

What is Senate Bill (SB) 1383?

SB 1383 is a new California state law designed to reduce the amount of edible food (and other organics) disposed in landfills, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to make more food available to people in need.

How to comply:



Recover Surplus Edible Food: If you have surplus edible food that would otherwise be disposed (e.g. in landfill or compost), recover the maximum amount of that food and partner with a food recovery organization to get it to people in need.



Contract: Have a contract or written agreement with any food recovery organization that receives surplus edible food from your location. Have a record of the types of food the organization has agreed to receive and the frequency of pick up or delivery.



Track and Report: Maintain records of pounds of food recovered each month and submit a Food Recovery Report annually by May 1. You must report whether or not you produce any surplus food.

Why recover edible food?

- **Save Food:** An estimated 1 million tons of surplus edible food ends up in California landfills each year.
- **Feed People:** Over 9 million Californians (23%) don't know where their next meal will come from.
- **Fight Climate Change:** Food that ends up in landfills emits greenhouse gases, contributing to climate change.

Businesses and institutions required to comply with SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery regulations:

Tier 1 Businesses (took effect Jan 1, 2022)

- Grocery stores (10,000 sq. ft. or \geq \$2M revenue)
- Food service providers
- Food distributors
- Wholesale food vendors

Tier 2 Businesses and Institutions (took effect Jan 1, 2024)

- Restaurants (\geq 5,000 sq. ft. or 250+ seats)
- Hotels with on-site food facility (200+ rooms)
- Health facilities with on-site food facility (100+ beds)
- Certain large venues and events
- Private schools with cafeteria (\geq 5,000 sq. ft. or 250+ seats)
- Local education agencies with an on-site food facility

How to get started:

Cities in Santa Clara County created the Santa Clara County Food Recovery Program to support compliance. Please visit SCCFoodRecovery.org for step-by-step guidance, and tools to help you:

- **Confirm.** Make sure the law applies to your business/institution.
- **Understand.** Learn more about the requirements.
- **Connect.** Find a food recovery organization using a matching tool.
- **Contract.** Set up service using a sample agreement.
- **Recover.** Safely collect and store surplus food for pickup or delivery.
- **Track.** Record pounds of food recovered per month.
- **Monitor.** Prepare for inspections.
- **Report.** Find links and information for reporting.



Contact the Santa Clara County Food Recovery Program with questions or for technical assistance:

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