

FOOD RECOVERY

in the City of Santee

NEW! FOOD RECOVERY REQUIREMENTS

FOOD RECOVERY, also known as **food donation**, is the act of saving edible surplus food and providing it to local nonprofit organizations, such as food pantries, soup kitchens, and food banks.



SENATE BILL 1383

A new state law, **California Senate Bill 1383**, has established mandates to reduce the amount of food waste sent to landfills. In addition to implementing food scrap recycling, **SB 1383 requires select businesses – Tier 1 and Tier 2 generators – to start food recovery programs.**

Tier 1 Generators* = supermarkets, grocery stores, food service providers, food service distributors, wholesale vendors

Tier 2 Generators* = restaurants, hotels, health facilities, large venues, state agencies, local education agencies

**Size restrictions limit eligibility. Contact your city representative to confirm Tier 1 or Tier 2 status.*

COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

Tier 1 Generators must meet these requirements by Jan. 1, 2022

Tier 2 Generators must meet these requirements by Jan. 1, 2024

Complete?	Requirement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Donate the maximum amount of edible food that would otherwise be disposed to a food recovery organization or service.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Establish a contract/ written agreement with the food recovery organization or service. Keep a copy of the agreement on-site.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Keep ongoing records: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name, address, and contact info for each food recovery organization or service.• Types of food donated.• Established frequency that food is collected or taken to the recovery agency.• Quantity of food collected or self-hauled, measured in pounds recovered per month.

STARTING A FOOD RECOVERY PROGRAM

BENEFITS OF FOOD RECOVERY

- Save money** – Reduce waste hauling costs
- Reduce taxes** – Claim tax deductions for food donation
- Avoid fines** – Cities can fine non-compliant businesses
- Help the environment** – Keep food out of landfills
- Feed the community** – 1 in 3 San Diegans is food insecure



LIABILITY PROTECTION

To encourage companies and organizations to donate food that would otherwise go to waste, they are protected from criminal and civil liability under the **Good Samaritan Food Donation Act** (AB 1219 and PLAW 104-210).

3 STEPS FOR STARTING A FOOD RECOVERY PROGRAM

1. Determine What Food is Acceptable For Recovery

Acceptable:

- ✓ Surplus food fit for human consumption, e.g. excess food in holding, extra inventory, or dated food.
- ✓ *Examples: unserved cooked rice, bread past the date label but still edible, excess produce from inventory that won't be used*

Not acceptable:

- ✗ Moldy, discolored, rotting, or spoiled food.
- ✗ Food that was in the "danger zone" (41°F–135°F) for over two hours.
- ✗ Any food that was not handled in accordance with standard kitchen health and safety protocols as outlined in the CA Retail Food Code.

2. Establish Internal Logistics

- Determine where food donations will be stored (cold and dry storage).
- Identify staff leads.
- Conduct staff training and education.
- Create a food donations tracking system.

3. Contact a Local Food Bank

Feeding San Diego

- 📍 <https://feedingsandiego.org>
- ✉ fooddonation@feedingsandiego.org
- ☎ (858) 452-3663

San Diego Food Bank










- 📍 <https://sandiegofoodbank.org>
- ✉ acarson@sandiegofoodbank.org
- ☎ (858) 527-1419

For a full list of organizations that are able to accept food donations in Santee, visit:

<https://www.cityofsanteeca.gov/services/solid-waste-recycling-services/mandatory-organic-waste-reduction-sb-1383>













City of Santee Edible Food Recovery Organizations & Services

Organization Name & Service Area	Address	Contact Information	Types of Food Accepted
Feeding San Diego <i>Servicing all of San Diego County</i>	9455 Waples St. #135 San Diego, CA 92121	 https://feedingsandiego.org  fooddonation@feedingsandiego.org  (858) 452-3663	Fresh produce (whole fruit & vegetables) Shelf-stable/ non-perishable Perishable Prepared (food prepared in a commercial kitchen but not served to customers) Frozen items
Jacobs and Cushman San Diego Food Bank <i>Servicing all of San Diego County</i>	9850 Distribution Ave. San Diego, CA 92121	 https://sandiegofoodbank.org  acarson@sandiegofoodbank.org  (858) 527-1419	Fresh produce (whole fruit & vegetables) Shelf-stable/ non-perishable Perishable Prepared (food prepared in a commercial kitchen but not served to customers) Frozen items
Bethlehem Food Pantry <i>Servicing La Mesa, San Diego, Santee</i>	737 Grant Ave El Cajon, CA 92020	 foothillsumc.org  enaslund@cox.net  (619) 490-3855	Fresh produce (whole fruit & vegetables) Shelf-stable/ non-perishable Perishable Frozen items


Last updated 3/25/25









Organization Name & Service Area	Address	Contact Information	Types of Food Accepted
Coastline Dream Center <i>Servicing Carlsbad, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Encinitas, Escondido, La Mesa, National City, Oceanside, Poway, San Diego, San Marcos, Santee, Solana Beach, Vista, Unincorporated</i>	2215 Calle Barcelona Carlsbad, CA 92009	 Coastlinedreamcenter.org  robertn333@gmail.com  (760) 717-3696	Fresh produce (whole fruit & vegetables) Shelf-stable/ non-perishable Perishable Prepared (food prepared in a commercial kitchen but not served to customers) Frozen items
Education Support Center <i>Servicing all of San Diego County</i>	9950 Campo Rd, Ste 203 Spring Valley, CA 91977	 https://educationsupportcenter.org  alunday@educationsupportcenter.org  (619) 394-5798	Fresh produce (whole fruit & vegetables) Shelf-stable/ non-perishable Perishable Prepared (food prepared in a commercial kitchen but not served to customers) Frozen items
Life Christian Center International Ministries of San Diego <i>Servicing Chula Vista, Coronado, El Cajon, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, San Diego, Santee, Solana Beach, Unincorporated</i>	1079 Third Ave, Ste B Chula Vista, CA 91911	 www.lcccv.org  elizabeth.prado@lcccv.org  (619) 585-3638	Fresh produce (whole fruit & vegetables) Shelf-stable/ non-perishable Perishable Prepared (food prepared in a commercial kitchen but not served to customers) Frozen items
Wesley House Student	5710 Hardy Ave #12	 https://wesleysdsu.org/	Fresh produce (whole fruit & vegetables)

Last updated 3/25/25



Residence <i>Servicing Chula Vista, El Cajon, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, San Diego, Santee</i>	San Diego, CA 92115	 krysta@wesleysdsu.org  (619) 843-8579	Shelf-stable/ non-perishable Perishable Frozen items
--	---------------------	---	--

Organization Name & Service Area	Address	Contact Information	Types of Food Accepted
Food Donation Connection <i>Servicing all of San Diego County</i>	No local office: national company headquartered in Tennessee P.O. Box 22787 Knoxville, TN 37934	 https://www.foodtodonate.com  ContactUs@foodtodonate.com  (800) 831-8161	Prepared (food prepared in a commercial kitchen but not served to customers) Frozen items
Senior Gleaners of San Diego County <i>Servicing all of San Diego County</i>	PO Box 600521 San Diego CA 92160	 https://www.seniorgleanerssdco.org  info@seniorgleanerssdco.org  (619) 633-9180	Fresh produce (whole fruit & vegetables)