



# Senate Bill 1383: Edible Food Recovery Requirements for Businesses

Recovering surplus edible food to feed people is not only a great idea, but also a California law, starting January 1, 2022.

## What is Senate Bill (SB) 1383?

California SB 1383 is a bill that sets goals to reduce disposal of organic waste in landfills, including edible food, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

## What does my business need to do to comply?



**Recover Edible Food:** Save the maximum amount of edible food that would otherwise be disposed (e.g. in landfill or compost), so it can be used to feed people instead.



**Contract:** Have a contract or written agreement with each food recovery organization or service that picks up or receives edible food from your business.



**Track and Report:** Maintain records of type, frequency, and pounds of food recovered each month.

## Why recover edible food?

- **Save Food:** Californians send over 6 million tons of food scraps or food waste to landfills each year, of which almost 1 million tons are potentially donatable, edible food.
- **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.

# When do I need to have my contract in place, and begin recovering food and keeping records?

## Tier 1 Businesses: January 1, 2022

- Supermarkets
- Grocery stores (10,000+ sq. ft.)
- Food service providers
- Food distributors
- Wholesale food vendors

## Tier 2 Businesses: January 1, 2024

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

## How do I get started?

Cities in Santa Clara County are working together to provide resources. Please visit [SCCFoodRecovery.org](https://SCCFoodRecovery.org) for step-by-step guidance, and tools to help you:

- **Confirm.** Make sure the law applies to your business.
- **Understand.** Learn more about the requirements.
- **Connect.** Find a food recovery organization using our list.
- **Contract.** Set up service using our sample agreement.
- **Recover.** Safely collect and store food for pickup.
- **Track.** Record the type, frequency and pounds of food.
- **Monitor.** Prepare for inspections.
- **Report.** Our website will connect you to reporting information.



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for our community and the planet!

Visit our website for helpful tools:

[SCCFoodRecovery.org](https://SCCFoodRecovery.org)

