

New California Law Requires Donation of Edible Food

CA State Law SB 1383 requires certain Commercial Edible Food Generators to donate edible food to feed people and reduce organic waste going into landfills.

SB 1383 sets a goal to recover 20% of the edible food produced in the State that would otherwise be disposed in the landfill. To reach this goal by 2025, Tier 1 and 2 food generators (see below for categories and compliance dates) are required to donate all surplus edible food to a non-profit, secured through a written agreement.

What is edible food? Edible food is food intended for people to eat, including food not sold because of appearance, age, freshness, grade, surplus, etc. Edible food includes, but is not limited to, prepared foods, packaged foods and produce.



Food Recovery and Donation Requirements for Commercial Food Generators

Commercial Edible Food Generators

Tier 1

January 1, 2022

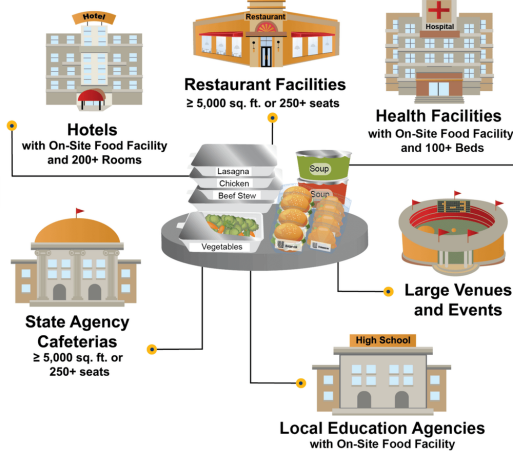
Tier one businesses typically have more produce, fresh grocery, and shelf-stable foods to donate.



Tier 2

January 1, 2024

Tier two businesses typically have more prepared foods to donate, which often require more careful handling to meet food safety requirements (e.g. time and temperature controls).



Commercial Edible Food Generators:

- Must maintain a written agreement with all Food Recovery Organizations and/or services that pick up or receive edible food.
- Must maintain monthly records of type, frequency, and pounds of food recovered.
- Shall not intentionally dispose of or compost food that can be donated.

The City of Palm Springs will be inspecting these donation agreements, as well as records of weights and food types donated each month.

Food Recovery Organizations/ Donation Resources in Palm Springs:

- FIND Food Bank – (760) 775-3663 <https://findfoodbank.org>
- Desert Chapel – (760) 327-2772
- St. Teresa's Food Pantry – (760) 323-2669
- The Center – (760) 416-7790



For more information and guidance on the donation agreement please visit: <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/foodrecovery/>



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For more information on SB 1383 food donation and what is required, please contact the City of Palm Springs, Office of Sustainability at www.YourSustainableCity.com or recycling@palmspringsca.gov or (760) 323-8214.