Edible Food Recovery

To address food insecurity and reduce unnecessary food waste, State of California Senate Bill (SB) 1383 requires that by 2025, at least 20% of edible food that would have otherwise been sent to landfills is recovered for human consumption.

Edible Food Recovery Donations

Mandated edible food generators must arrange to recover the **maximum amount** of edible food that would otherwise be landfilled. They must contract with food recovery organizations/services that will accept edible food and keep records of all edible food recovery.
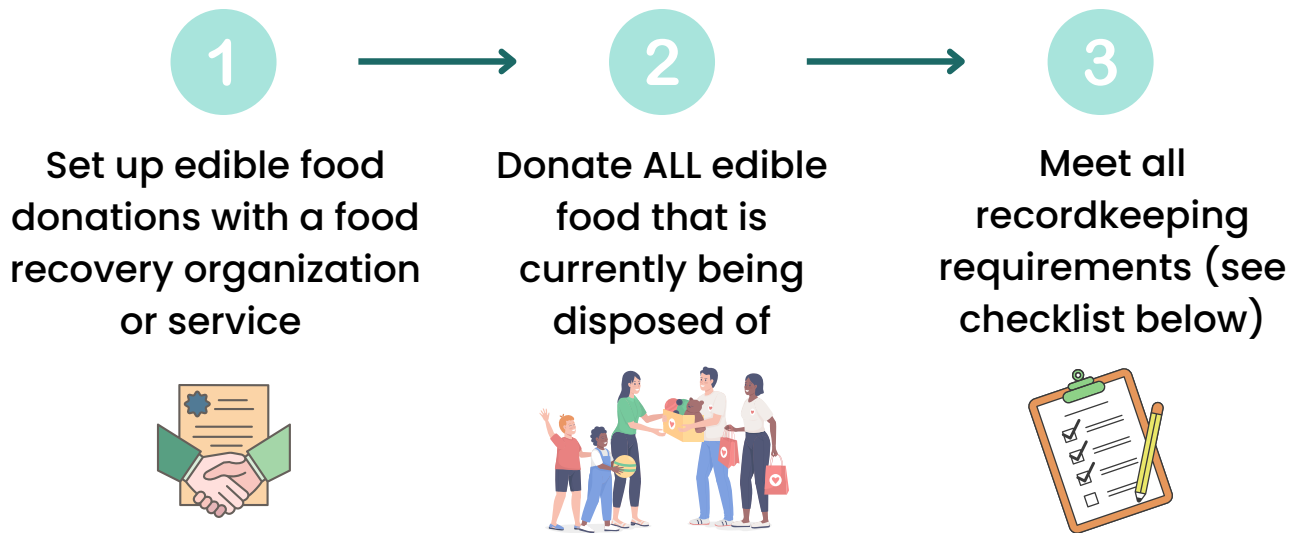
Who Must Comply?

Grocery Stores & Supermarkets

Wholesale Food Vendors

Food Distributors

Food Service Providers

Tier 1
by January 1, 2022

Restaurants

Hotels

Health Facilities

State Agency Cafeterias

Large Venues & Events

Local Educational Agencies

Tier 2
by January 1, 2024

*Visit Calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/ for additional information on SB 1383

Donate

How Do I Comply?

1 → **2** → **3**

1 Set up edible food donations with a food recovery organization or service

2 Donate ALL edible food that is currently being disposed of

3 Meet all recordkeeping requirements (see checklist below)

What is "*Edible Food*"?

Edible food is food intended for people to eat. It should be in its original, unopened packaging (if originally packaged) and includes food not sold because of appearance, age, freshness, grade, surplus, etc. So long as you donate in good faith, your business is protected by California's Good Samaritan Food Donation Act (AB 1219) & the Federal Good Samaritan Food Donation Act.

Recordkeeping Requirements Checklist

Tier 1 and Tier 2 commercial edible food generators must keep records of all of the following information:

- ☑ **A list of each food recovery service or organization** that collects or receives its edible food under a contract or written agreement

- ☑ A copy of **contracts or written agreements** between the edible food generator and a food recovery service or organization

- ☑ The **name, address and contact information** of the service or organization

- ☑ The **types of food** that will be collected by or self-hauled to the service organization

- ☑ The quantity of food collected or self-hauled to a service or organization for food recovery- the **quantity should be measured in pounds recovered per month**

- ☑ The **established frequency** that food will be collected or self-hauled