



CA Senate Bill 1383: New Food Recovery Requirements for Businesses



What is SB 1383?

California Senate Bill (SB) 1383 is a new, statewide law which aims to protect our environment and to strengthen our communities by preventing surplus, edible food from being needlessly tossed into landfills and by redirecting that food to the nearly 1 in 4 Californians who do not have enough to eat.

Who will SB 1383 affect?

Certain businesses – known as **commercial edible food generators (CEFGs)** – are expected to help our state achieve this ambitious goal. The law identifies twelve different types of CEFGs, which are grouped into two broad categories based on the types of foods that they generate:

Tier 1

Regulations took effect **January 1, 2022**.

Usually have food items that can be easily donated, like produce and shelf-stable goods.

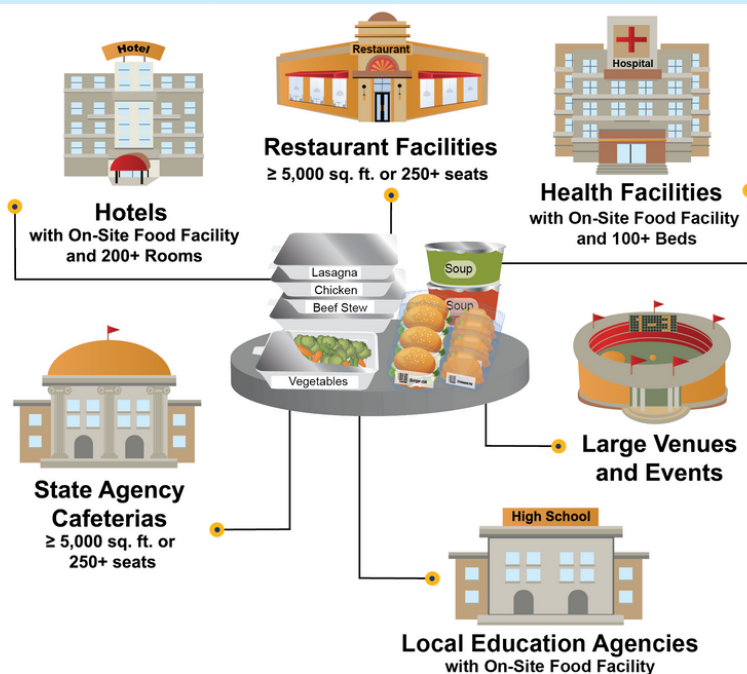


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Tier 2

Regulations will take effect **January 1, 2024**.

Typically have prepared foods or meals, which require specialized handling for safe donation.



What are the specific requirements for businesses?

- Recover the maximum amount of surplus, edible food that would otherwise be discarded.
- Partner with local food recovery organizations (FROs) or services (FRSs) via written contracts in order to redistribute surplus food to people in need.
- Maintain records of all food recovery activities.



Please note that the information provided here is a summary only and does not represent an exhaustive source of all legal requirements and terms related to SB 1383. For more detailed information, please visit [CalRecycle's SB 1383 Homepage](#) or review the [SB 1383 Final Regulations](#).

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CA Senate Bill 1383: Additional Information & Resources for Businesses



How can my business prepare for SB 1383?

1. **Identify and contact** one or more food recovery partners. You can use [this directory](#) or [this interactive map](#) to locate a variety of FROs and FRSs operating near you.
2. **Establish written contracts** with your new partner(s) to ensure safety, reliability, and accountability for everyone. Check out this [model food recovery agreement](#) to get started.
3. **Begin donating** your surplus food to the LA community with the help of your new partners.
4. **Keep careful records** of all your food recovery activities, including copies of your contracts. This [record-keeping tool](#) can help you stay prepared for routine inspections by city staff.



Benefits of Compliance



Build Community – Sharing your organization's extra resources will improve the lives of the more than 1 million Angelenos who lack reliable access to food, while strengthening key relationships with the communities and individuals that you serve.



Be a Good Steward – Feel good about doing the right thing for our planet *and* enhance your company's image by letting employees and customers know about your ongoing efforts to reduce waste. It's a simple way to raise team morale and attract new clients!



Boost Your Bottom Line – Not only can you potentially save money on your monthly waste-collection bills by keeping edible food out of the trash, but your business may also be able to claim tax deductions for donating that food to charitable organizations.

Links to Helpful Resources

- [SB 1383 Web Page for Businesses](#)
- [SB 1383 Final Regulations](#)
- [LA County Food Redistribution Initiative](#)
- [Other Food Recovery Resources in LA](#)
- [How to Create a Food Recovery Contract](#)
- [Toolkit for Safe Surplus Food Donation](#)

Questions?

For general questions, please visit CalRecycle's SB 1383 [FAQ page](#). If you have any additional concerns, please contact [LA Sanitation & Environment](#) at san_foodrecovery@lacity.org or call our 24/7 customer care center at **1-800-773-2489**. We look forward to assisting you!

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