Feeding San Diego is your solution to SB1383 compliance!

What is SB1383?

California’s New Organic Waste & Surplus Food Recovery Law

SB1383 is a new statewide law enacted to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP’s), which contribute to global warming and affect human health.

Why? In California, food waste accounted for 13 percent of the waste stream in 2018, totaling more than 6 million tons. Food waste in landfills emits methane gas — a super pollutant more powerful than CO₂ — contributing to climate change.

Starting January 1, 2022, food generators including grocery stores and supermarkets, food service providers, food distributors, and wholesale food vendors (Tier 1) will be responsible for reducing organic material disposal as outlined by the law. By January 1, 2024, hotels, restaurants, health facilities, large venues and events, local education agencies, and state agencies with cafeterias will also be accountable (Tier 2). Those who don’t meet set standards will be subject to fines.

What does this mean for Commercial Edible Food Generators?

Food Generators (Donors) must:

• Recover the maximum amount of edible food by donating surplus food rather than composting or throwing it out
• Arrange for food recovery through a contract or written agreement with Food Recovery Organizations (such as Feeding San Diego!)
• Maintain records of:
  • Each food recovery organization you work with
  • Contracts and agreements available for review
  • Types of food collected or self-hauled
  • Established frequency of donations
  • Pounds per month

How Can Feeding San Diego Support Your Business?

Let us do the heavy lifting!

• We will pick-up your food donations on a regular basis, or as needed
• The food we collect from you will be distributed locally to people facing hunger in San Diego County
• We will provide you with written agreements and reports necessary for compliance with SB1383
• Reports will include type of food collected, total pounds collected and frequency of donations. This information is recorded using our technology platform, MealConnect.
• You are protected from liability when you donate food to a non-profit organization, per The Federal Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act
• Feeding San Diego has nearly 15 years of experience in food recovery with local and national businesses
• We prioritize food safety and make sure that all food is stored and transported in safe conditions
• Donating food to Feeding San Diego provides a number of tax benefits as defined by the IRS

If you have excess food you need to donate to a hunger relief organization, choose Feeding San Diego!

Email fooddonation@feedingsandiego.org to get started.