



# CA Senate Bill 1383: 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 instead redirecting that food to the 1 in 5 Californians who do not have enough to eat.

## Who does SB 1383 affect?

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

### Tier 1

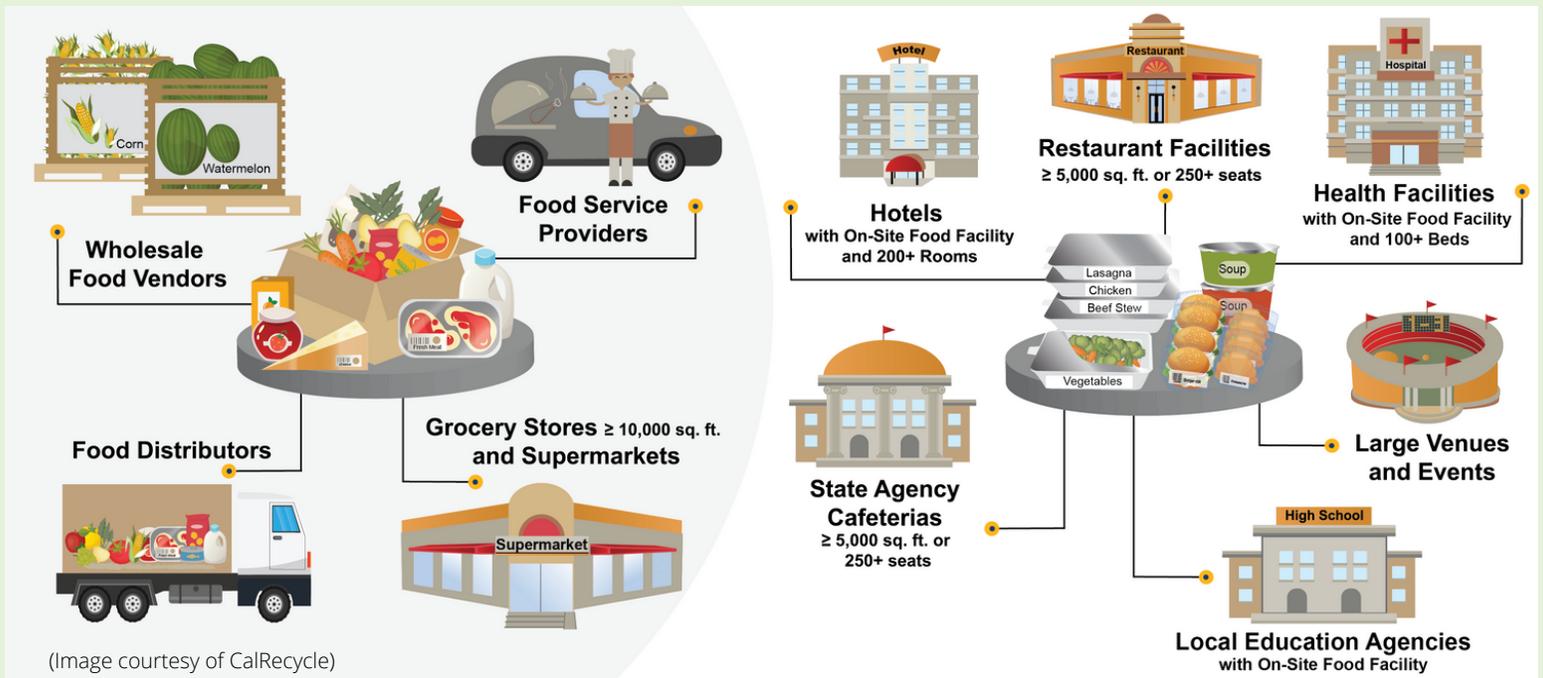
Regulations took effect **January 1, 2022.**

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

### Tier 2

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

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



(Image courtesy of CalRecycle)

## 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.



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# CA Senate Bill 1383: Additional Information & Resources



## How can my business prepare for SB 1383?

1. **Find and contact** one or more food recovery partners. Visit [www.foodoasis.la](http://www.foodoasis.la) to locate food banks, soup kitchens, and other food recovery organizations and services near you.
2. **Establish written contracts** with your new partner(s) to ensure safety, reliability, and accountability for everyone. The website listed at the bottom of this page has a sample contract and other helpful resources to guide you through this process.
3. **Begin donating** your surplus food to the LA community with the help of your new partner(s).
4. **Keep careful records** of all your food recovery activities, including copies of your contracts. Visit the website at the bottom of this page to download a free record-keeping tool that can help your business 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 whom 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 waste-collection bills by keeping edible food out of the trash, but your business may also be able to claim federal tax deductions for donating that food to charitable organizations.

## Where can my business get additional help?

- Visit [calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/foodrecovery](http://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/foodrecovery) for more detailed guidance about SB 1383, answers to frequently asked questions, free business tools, and other key resources.
- Email LA Sanitation & Environment (LASAN) at [san\\_foodrecovery@lacity.org](mailto:san_foodrecovery@lacity.org).
- Call LASAN's 24/7 customer care center at **1-800-773-2489** and ask for a waste assessment.

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