



WASTE-FREE

Ventura County

Eliminate Hunger. Recover Food. Reduce Waste.

Restaurant

Achieving and exceeding compliance with CA SB 1383



What is SB 1383?

SB 1383 is a California state mandate to reduce organic waste destined for landfills by 75%, and to recover 20% of edible food that would otherwise be sent to landfills by 2025.



Restaurant

In accordance with SB 1383, your establishment qualifies as a Tier 2 Edible Food Generator under the restaurant definition:

An establishment primarily engaged in the retail sale of food and drinks on premises or for immediate consumption.

You are a Tier 2 Restaurant if:

- Facility contains 250+ seating capacity OR
- Total facility size is equal to or greater than 5,000 sq ft



Resources

To ensure compliance and formalize an agreement with a local food recovery organization email **WasteFreeVC@venturacounty.gov** or access a list of vetted services and providers by visiting: <https://waste-freevc.org/available-resources/>



SB 1383 Requirements

As a restaurant that is classified as a Tier 2 Edible Food Generator, you must recover the maximum amount of edible surplus food at your establishment by fulfilling the requirements below by January 1, 2024:

- 1 Secure written agreements or contracts with food recovery organizations or services that receives your food donation. Contract must be maintained at business location for compliance inspections.
- 2 Implement and participate in an edible food donation program.
- 3 For each food recovery organization or service you donate to, maintain a record of the following:

- Types of edible food donated
- Frequency of edible food donations
- Pounds of food donated per month

All records should be maintained at the business location and available to be shared with City or County staff during annual compliance inspections.



Key Dates

January 1, 2024

Tier 2 generators must be compliant with SB 1383 requirements or subject your business to additional action resulting in fines and penalties.



Donor Liability Protection

Your establishment is protected by the **Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act** and the **California Good Samaritan Food Donation Act**, which provides liability protections for entities that make good faith donations of surplus edible food.

When To Donate

Extra Inventory – Sometimes there's just more food on hand than can be used before the next delivery. Donating helps put that food to good use instead of letting it go to waste.

Slow Business Days – Customer traffic can be unpredictable, leaving extra prepared food at the end of the day. Donation helps make sure good food still gets eaten.

Distributor Mistakes or Over-Deliveries – Donate any excess edible food from over ordering. Sometimes suppliers deliver more product than ordered or send the wrong item. If the food is still safe and edible, donating it is a great way to keep it from going to waste while helping local organizations. Over time, through donation tracking, you will identify commonly over ordered foods and save operational costs.



Annual Inspections

City or County of Ventura staff will inspect your establishment annually to verify edible food recovery arrangements have been established as required by state law SB 1383.

What to Expect

Upon arrival of City or County staff, please be able to show:

1. A copy of contracts or written agreements with each food recovery organization or service your establishment donates excess edible food to.
2. For each food recovery organization or service that your establishment has a contract or written agreement with, provide a record of:
 - 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 or organization
 - The established frequency that food will be collected or self-hauled
 - The quantity of food collected or self-hauled to a service or organization for food recovery measured in pounds recovered per month

Benefits of Food Donation



Public Recognition

Acknowledged as a valued community partner.



SB 1383 Compliance

Compliance with state mandates.



Bottom Line Benefits

Improved bottom line through tax deductions, operational adjustments, and reduced waste hauling expenses.