



WASTE-FREE

Ventura County

Eliminate Hunger. Recover Food. Reduce Waste.

Supermarkets and Grocery Stores

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.



Supermarket and Grocery Store

In accordance with SB 1383 your establishment qualifies as a Tier 1 Edible Food Generator under the supermarket or grocery store definition:

Supermarkets: A full-line, self-service retail store with gross annual sales of two million (\$2,000,000) or more, and which sells a line of dry grocery, canned goods, or nonfood items and some perishable items.

Grocery stores: With a total facility size equal to or greater than 10,000 sq ft.

The definition for grocery store does not include convenience stores. However, nothing in the regulations prohibits a jurisdiction from adopting more stringent food recovery requirements to include convenience stores.



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 supermarket or grocery store that is classified as a Tier 1 Edible Food Generator, you must fulfill all requirements below by January 1, 2022:

- 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, 2022

Tier 1 generators must be compliant with SB 1383 requirements or be subject to additional action resulting in fines and penalties.



Tips for Donation



Food Storage Safety

Maintain cleanliness in your facility's designated food pick-up location and food storage containers to ensure that all food that is set aside for donation remains safe for consumption.



Food Expiration

Before the food donation is picked up, ensure that all food will be safe for human consumption within at least the next 48 hours.



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.



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.

