



WASTE-FREE
Ventura County

ENROLL IN AN EDIBLE FOOD DONATION PROGRAM TODAY!

REQUIREMENTS

As of January 1, 2024, all food establishments classified as Tier 2 generators are required to donate excess edible food to a food recovery organization to comply with California's SB 1383 state law.

WHAT IS SB 1383?

SB 1383 is a California state law that aims 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.

DONOR PROTECTIONS

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

TIER 2 GENERATOR CLASSIFICATION

- **Restaurants** with $\geq 5,000$ sq. ft. or 250+ seats
- **Hotels** with an on-site food facility and 200+ rooms
- **Health Facilities** with an on-site food facility and 100+ beds
- **Large Venues** with a permanent facility that serves 2,000 individuals per day of operation
- **Large Events** that charge an admission price or is operated by a local agency, and serves more than 2,000 individuals per day of operation
- **State Agency Cafeterias** with facilities $\geq 5,000$ sq. ft. or 250+ seats
- **Local Education Agency** with an on-site food facility
- **Non-local entity** that is an organic waste generator but is not subject to the control of a jurisdiction's regulations related to solid waste.

HOW DO I COMPLY?

- ✓ Establish contracts or written agreements with food recovery organizations or services
- ✓ Maintain records of all food donation activities

For each of the food recovery organization or service you have an agreement with, maintain a record of the following:

- Name, address, contact information of the organization or service
- Types of edible food that will be donated and frequency
- Quantity of food donated in pounds per month

- ✓ Donate all excess edible food that would otherwise be disposed

 Mandated generators without excess edible food must still have a documented program in place.



CAREIT



Waste Free VC is providing free access to Careit for edible food generators to connect to a network of food recovery organizations and services. Email us at **WasteFreeVC@VenturaCounty.gov** to receive an invitation to sign up today!

HOW TO DONATE!

Schedule Food Donation

- Once your account has been created post a donation on the Careit app for a local food recovery organization to claim for pickup.
 - Upload a photo of your donation
 - Add a description detailing information such as food type, food quality, and donation size
 - Choose transportation method (self delivery or pick-up)
 - Ensure donation is properly packaged, safely stored and ready for pick up

Food Safety Requirements and Protocols

- Ensure staff is properly trained on food items that are acceptable and unacceptable to be donated.
- All donated food should be in appropriate packaging (i.e., package is not torn, bulging, punctured, dented, or with broken seals).

* Consult your food recovery partner for recommended portion sizes

- All food donated should be properly labeled including:
 - Name of product
 - Donor name/location
 - Production date
 - General allergen warning
 - Freeze date, if applicable

Acceptable Items Include:

- Fresh Produce
- Proteins (raw meat, poultry, fish)
- Dairy Products (milk, cheese, yogurt) and eggs
- Baked goods
- Shelf-stable, non-perishable foods
- Fully prepared, properly stored entrees and meals

All donated food must be maintained under proper temperature control prior to collection (refrigerated or frozen at 41°F or below).

Donated food should not be left unrefrigerated for more than 30 minutes and must be placed in a clean area, elevated off the ground, during handling.

Additional Resources

To ensure compliance and access a list of vetted services and providers visit: <https://waste-freevc.org/available-resources/> or scan the QR code.

