Does your business generate food waste?
Gone are the days of tossing food into a trash can! A new law, SB 1383, is revolutionizing how businesses handle food waste by mandating food scrap recycling and food recovery programs.

**REDUCE**
Prevent Food Waste

**REUSE**
Feed People

**RECYCLE**
Capture Resources

Why was this law created?
Food makes up the single largest component in our landfills.

### 20% of Methane Emissions
Organic waste in landfills emits 20% of the State of California’s methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

### 500,000 tons of Food is Landfilled
500,000 tons of food is wasted in San Diego County each year.

### 1 in 3 San Diegans is Food Insecure
Ironically, while tons of food is disposed, one in three San Diegans is food insecure.

A **food recovery/donation program** ensures that surplus food that can’t be used in the kitchen goes to good use: feeding people, not landfills. "Food recovery" is the act of saving, redistributing, and/or donating edible excess food to local organizations, such as food pantries, soup kitchens, and food banks.

**SB 1383 Targets & Enforcement:** SB 1383 establishes targets to reduce organic waste disposal by 50% by 2020 and 75% by 2025, and to increase edible food recovery by 20% by 2025. Cities and counties are required to implement a variety of programs to advance these goals. The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) will enforce and penalize for non-compliance.

**The #1 Priority: Reduce Food Waste**
SB 1383 puts programs in place that are designed to help **Recycle** food waste and **Reuse** it through food donation. The #1 priority, though, should always be to **Reduce** food waste at the source.

Check out this guide for tips!
Developed by the Center for EcoTechnology, San Diego Food System Alliance, and Solana Center.

For more information, visit <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp>.
How will my business be affected?

SB 1383 sets new requirements:

- **Tier 1 Generators** = supermarkets, grocery stores, food service providers, food service distributors, wholesale vendors
- **Tier 2 Generators** = restaurants, hotels, health facilities, large venues, state agencies, local education agencies

*Size restrictions apply. Contact your city for more information.*

### Mandated Food Recovery Requirement

Tier 1 & Tier 2 generators must donate the maximum amount of edible food that would otherwise be disposed to a food recovery organization or service (e.g. food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens, etc.)

*(SB 1383, Section 18991.3)*

### Agreements with Recovery Organizations

Tier 1 & Tier 2 generators must comply with the food donation requirement by establishing contracts or written agreements with food recovery organizations or services.

Check with your city for a list of organizations that can receive your surplus edible food.

*(SB 1383, Section 18991.4)*

### Record-keeping Requirements

Tier 1 & Tier 2 generators must keep the following records:

- A list of each food recovery entity that contracts with your business
- A copy of each contract/written agreement with food recovery entities
- For each food recovery entity your business contracts with:
  - The name, address and contact info of the service or organization
  - The types of food that are collected or self-hauled
  - The established frequency that food is collected or taken to the recovery agency
  - The quantity of food collected or self-hauled, measured in pounds recovered per month

*(SB 1383, Section 18991.4)*

### Key Dates

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