



# Food Recovery Organizations and Services for Businesses

## Overview

- This is a list of Food Recovery Services and Organizations **servicing the entire city as part of their collection service area.**
- Partnership agreements are needed for both one-time and recurring donations.
- Please contact the organizations to obtain the most current information. Some require a minimum quantity of donations to schedule a pick up.
- **It is strongly recommended to call ahead to arrange for a donation drop-off or pick-up.**

## Types of Food Accepted Guide:



**Shelf Stable**, i.e. non-perishable: Products that can be safely stored at room temp.



**Perishable food:** Products that are likely to spoil or decay if not kept refrigerated at 41°F or below, such as meat, dairy, or vegetables.



**Prepared foods:** Products that were prepared hot but have been cooled to 41°F or below or frozen for safe distribution. Deli prepared foods are sandwiches, salads, etc. that are packaged to go.

If you are an individual seeking food assistance, please call 2-1-1 or visit [211sandiego.org](https://211sandiego.org) to find food distributions near you.

## Food Recovery Organizations Located in Solana Beach

Organization Information	Types of Food Accepted		Types of Businesses Served
<b>Backpacks for Kids</b> 715 Valley Ave, Solana Beach, CA 92075 <b>Tel:</b> (858) 232-1813 <b>E:</b> solanabeachbackpacks@icloud.com	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Schools
<b>St. James – St. Leo’s Catholic Church</b> 936 Genevieve St, Solana Beach, CA 92075 <b>Tel:</b> (858) 688-1102 <b>E:</b> drodmel@gmail.com <b>W:</b> <a href="https://stjamesandleo.org/st-leo-food-distribution/">https://stjamesandleo.org/st-leo-food-distribution/</a>	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods Bulk Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Restaurants

## Food Recovery Organizations **Located in San Diego County**

Organization Information	Types of Food Accepted		Types of Businesses Served	
<b>Calvary Chapel Oceanside</b> 3715 Oceanic Way, Oceanside, CA 92056 <b>Tel:</b> (760) 754-1234 x 239 <b>E:</b> isabel@calvaryoceanside.org, lindag@calvaryoceanside.org <b>W:</b> <a href="https://www.calvaryoceanside.org/">https://www.calvaryoceanside.org/</a>	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets	
<b>Coastline Dream Center</b> 2215 Calle Barcelona Carlsbad, CA 92009 <b>Tel:</b> (760) 717-3696 <b>E:</b> robertn333@gmail.com <b>W:</b> <a href="http://coastlinedreamcenter.org">http://coastlinedreamcenter.org</a>	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets	
<b>Feeding San Diego</b> 9455 Waples St. #135 San Diego, CA 92121 <b>Tel:</b> (858) 452-3663 <b>E:</b> fooddonation@feedingsandiego.org <b>W:</b> <a href="https://feedingsandiego.org/">https://feedingsandiego.org/</a>	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Distributors Schools	Hospitals Restaurants Hotels Events
<b>Note:</b> Willing to accept non-food donations.				
<b>Jacob Cushman San Diego Food Bank</b> 9850 Distribution Ave. San Diego, CA 92121 <b>Tel:</b> (858) 527-1419 <b>E:</b> donatefood@sandiegofoodbank.org <b>W:</b> <a href="https://sandiegofoodbank.org">https://sandiegofoodbank.org</a>	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Distributors Schools	Hospitals Restaurants Hotels Events
<b>Note:</b> Willing to accept non-food donations.				
<b>Ministerio Tiempo Nuevo</b> 8179 Broadway, Lemon Grove, CA 91945 <b>Tel:</b> (619) 765-9454 <b>E:</b> mtnsandiego@gmail.com <b>W:</b> <a href="http://coastlinedreamcenter.org">http://coastlinedreamcenter.org</a>	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Distributors Schools	
<b>Produce Good</b> 441 Saxony Rd, Encinitas, CA 92024 <b>Tel:</b> (760) 492-3467 <b>E:</b> info@producegood.org <b>W:</b> <a href="https://www.producegood.org/">https://www.producegood.org/</a>	Fresh Produce		Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers	
<b>Note:</b> Willing to sort unsellable produce to recover what is edible.				

<b>Senior Gleaners of San Diego County</b> PO Box 600521 San Diego, CA 92160 <b>Tel:</b> (858) 527-1419 <b>E:</b> info@seniorgleanerssdco.org <b>W:</b> https://seniorgleanerssdco.org	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets
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<b>Careit</b> 110 Somerville Ave Suite 154 Chattanooga, TN 37405 <b>Tel:</b> 1-833-366-3365 <b>E:</b> hello@careit.com <b>W:</b> https://careit.com/	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Distributors Schools	Hospitals Restaurants Hotels Events
<b>Note:</b> Free to businesses and food recovery partners. Paid service for Corporations.				
<b>Chefs to End Hunger</b> 13527 Orden Drive Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 <b>E:</b> info@chefsendhunger.org <b>W:</b> https://www.chefsendhunger.org/	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods		Restaurants Hospitals Food Service Providers	
<b>Note:</b> Must be using Vesta Food Service.				
<b>Copia</b> 1968 S. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach, CA 92651 <b>Tel:</b> (650) 695-0178 <b>E:</b> support@gocopia.com <b>W:</b> www.gocopia.com	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Distributors Schools	Hospitals Restaurants Hotels Events
<b>Note:</b> Paid Service.				
<b>Food Donation Connection</b> P.O. Box 22787 Knoxville, TN 37934 <b>Tel:</b> (800) 831-8161 <b>E:</b> ContactUs@foodtodonate.com <b>W:</b> https://www.foodtodonate.com/	Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Frozen Prepared Foods		Restaurants Food Service Providers Commercial Kitchens	
<b>Note:</b> Paid Service				

## Will I Be Responsible If Someone Gets Sick from My Food Donation?

These Federal and State laws protect your business from liability when donating food as long as the food was handled safely before donation:

- The [Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act](#).
  - The [2023 Food Donation Improvement Act](#) expands these protections.
- The [California Good Samaritan Food Donation Act](#).
- The [California Health and Safety Code, Section 114433](#).
- The [California Food and Agricultural Code, section 58505](#).

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