



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 to find food distributions near you.

Food Recovery Organizations Located in Solana Beach

| Organization Information | Types of Food Accepted | | Types of Businesses Served |
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| Backpacks for Kids 715 Valley Ave, Solana Beach, CA 92075 Tel: (858) 232-1813 E: solanabeachbackpacks@icloud.com | Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy | Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods | Grocery Stores Supermarkets Schools |
| St. James – St. Leo’s Catholic Church 936 Genevieve St, Solana Beach, CA 92075 Tel: (858) 688-1102 E: drodmel@gmail.com W: https://stjamesandleo.org/st-leo-food-distribution/ | 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 | |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| Calvary Chapel Oceanside 3715 Oceanic Way, Oceanside, CA 92056 Tel: (760) 754-1234 x 239 E: isabel@calvaryoceanside.org, lindag@calvaryoceanside.org W: https://www.calvaryoceanside.org/ | Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy | Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods | Grocery Stores Supermarkets | |
| Coastline Dream Center 2215 Calle Barcelona Carlsbad, CA 92009 Tel: (760) 717-3696 E: robertn333@gmail.com W: http://coastlinedreamcenter.org | Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy | Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods | Grocery Stores Supermarkets | |
| Feeding San Diego 9455 Waples St. #135 San Diego, CA 92121 Tel: (858) 452-3663 E: fooddonation@feedingsandiego.org W: https://feedingsandiego.org/ | 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 |
| Note: Willing to accept non-food donations. | | | | |
| Jacob Cushman San Diego Food Bank 9850 Distribution Ave. San Diego, CA 92121 Tel: (858) 527-1419 E: donatefood@sandiegofoodbank.org W: https://sandiegofoodbank.org | 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 |
| Note: Willing to accept non-food donations. | | | | |
| Life Investments 1855 First Avenue, Suite 103, San Diego, CA 92101 Tel: (619) 736-0529 E: info@lifesinvestments.org W: https://lifesinvestments.org | Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy | Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods | Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Distributors Schools | Restaurants |
| Note: Willing to accept non-food donations. | | | | |
| Ministerio Tiempo Nuevo 8179 Broadway, Lemon Grove, CA 91945 Tel: (619) 765-9454 E: mtnsandiego@gmail.com W: http://coastlinedreamcenter.org | Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy | Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods | Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Distributors Schools | |

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| Produce Good 441 Saxony Rd, Encinitas, CA 92024 Tel: (760) 492-3467 E: info@producegood.org W: https://www.producegood.org/ | Fresh Produce | Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers |
| Note: Willing to sort unsellable produce to recover what is edible. | | |
| Senior Gleaners of San Diego County PO Box 600521 San Diego, CA 92160 Tel: (858) 527-1419 E: info@seniorgleanerssdco.org W: https://seniorgleanerssdco.org | Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy | Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods Grocery Stores Supermarkets |

| Food Recovery Organizations - National Chains | | | | |
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| Careit 110 Somerville Ave Suite 154 Chattanooga, TN 37405 Tel: 1-833-366-3365 E: hello@careit.com W: 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 |
| Note: Free to businesses and food recovery partners. Paid service for Corporations. | | | | |
| Chefs to End Hunger 13527 Orden Drive Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 E: info@chefsendhunger.org W: https://www.chefsendhunger.org/ | Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods | | Restaurants Hospitals Food Service Providers | |
| Note: Must be using Vesta Food Service. | | | | |
| Copia 1968 S. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach, CA 92651 Tel: (650) 695-0178 E: support@gocopia.com W: 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 |
| Note: Paid Service. | | | | |
| Food Donation Connection P.O. Box 22787 | Shelf-Stable Baked Goods | | Restaurants Food Service Providers | |

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| Knoxville, TN 37934 Tel: (800) 831-8161 E: ContactUs@foodtodonate.com W: https://www.foodtodonate.com/ | Frozen Prepared Foods | Commercial Kitchens |
| Note: 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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