



CA Senate Bill 1383: Requirements for Food Donors

The Abound Food Care Donation Program provides food generators with SB 1383 compliance solutions to help reduce food waste and improve operational efficiencies. Let's work together to rescue edible food and feed communities in need.

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.

Why is this law in place?

Food waste is the second largest contributor of organic matter in California landfills which produces methane gas, a known greenhouse gas pollutant. California has made a commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution by implementing SB 1383.

How and when does this affect my jurisdiction?

As a Tier 1 or Tier 2 food generator (see back page to identify which tier you fall into), you must comply with SB 1383 or face fines and penalties. Below is a timeline of requirements you must meet.

SB 1383 Timeline of Requirements

Year	Requirements	Actions you need to take
January 1, 2020	50% reduction in organic waste disposal	Provide a written agreement with a food recovery service or organization.
January 1, 2022	Regulations take effect and enforcement begins	Tier 1 generators must be compliant with SB 1383 requirements (see back page).
January 1, 2024	Local governments take over enforcement	Non-compliance notice of Tier 1 violations and penalties to begin. Tier 2 generators must be compliant with SB 1383 requirements.
January 1, 2025	75% reduction in organics waste disposal and 20% increase in edible food recovery	A food recovery service or organization needs to be established and recovering all edible excess food from your facility.

Are you a Tier 1 or Tier 2 food generator?

Tier 1	Tier 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supermarket • Grocery store: total facility size equal to or greater than 10,000 sq. ft. • Food service provider • Food distributor • Wholesale food vendor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurants: 250+ seats, or a total facility size equal or greater than 5,000 sq. ft. • Hotel with on-site food facility and 200+ rooms • Health facility with an on-site food facility and 100+ beds • Large venue • Large event • State agency with cafeteria with 250+ seats or total facility size equal or greater than 5,000 sq. ft. • Local education agency with on-site food facility
Must fulfill SB 1383 requirements by January 1, 2022	Must fulfill SB 1383 requirements by January 1, 2024

How does my organization become compliant?

Step 1:

Identify a food recovery service or organization. Secure a written contract or agreement with each food recovery organization you donate to.

Step 2:

Begin donating excess edible food to the identified food recovery services or organizations.

Step 3

Keep records of your donation activity to be submitted to your local jurisdictions.

About Food Care can help!

Abound Food Care aims to show communities that there's an abundance of accessible solutions to reduce food waste and food insecurity in our communities. Our Food Donation Program is easy to implement to achieve SB 1383 compliance. We can help you with:

- One agreement eliminates the need for multiple contracts
- We record your donation data for easy reporting
- We protect the safety and integrity of your food and your brand
- Our expanded network of agencies ensures reliable food donation pickups

Have questions about SB 1383 requirements or want to learn how Abound Food Care can help? Visit aboundfoodcare.org or call 1-855-700-9662.