



CA Senate Bill 1383: Requirements for Food Recovery Services/Organizations

Abound Food Care can help your organization increase capacity so that you can serve your clients better. We offer resources and support in many ways – funding opportunities, logistics assistance, increased food supply, and access to bulk purchasing programs.

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 organization?

Agencies that voluntarily choose to participate in SB 1383 by establishing contracts or written agreements with Tier 1 and Tier 2 food donors 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	Identify Tier 1 and Tier 2 food donors
January 1, 2022	Regulations take effect and enforcement begins	Comply with recordkeeping and reporting for Tier 1 donors
January 1, 2024	Local governments take over enforcement	Comply with recordkeeping and reporting for Tier 2 donors
January 1, 2025	20% increase in edible food recovery	Comply with all SB 1383 requirements

Are you a Food Recovery Service or Organization?

Food Recovery Service	Food Recovery Organization
A person or entity that collects and transports edible food from a commercial food donor to a food recovery organization or other entities.	An entity that engages in the collection or receipt of edible food from a commercial edible food donor and distributes that food to the public, either directly or through other entities. Including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A food bank• A nonprofit charitable organization• A nonprofit's charitable temporary food facility

How does my organization become compliant?

Step 1:

Establish a contract or written agreement with your food donors.

Step 2:

Track the quantity of edible food (in pounds) collected from each commercial edible food donor per month.

Step 3

(Food Recovery Service):

Track the quantity of excess edible food (in pounds) transported to each food recovery organization per month.

Step 4

(Food Recovery Service):

Document the name, address, and contact information for each food recovery organization that the service transports edible food to for food recovery.

About Food Care can help!

About 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:

- Confidential data aggregation and reporting assistance
- Transportation and logistics services
- Food safety support
- Access to additional resources, such as equipment, materials to help transport food, or volunteer support

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