

Food Recovery Organization/Service Notification Letter

Re: Senate Bill 1383 Edible Food Recovery Requirements Effective January 1, 2022

Dear Food Recovery Organization/Service,

Recovering surplus edible food to feed people is not only a great idea, but also a California law, starting January 1, 2022. This effort will increase access to nutritious food for members of our community, while reducing waste and greenhouse gas emissions that are the result of food ending up in a landfill!

Our initial research has identified you as a food recovery organization/service active in Santa Clara County. By January 1, 2022, all “Tier 1 Commercial Edible Food Generators” will need to implement an edible food recovery program that is compliant with Senate Bill 1383. Tier 1 Generators include supermarkets, grocery stores with 10,000+ square feet, food service providers, food distributors, or wholesale food vendors. If your food recovery organization/service works with one or more of these Tier 1 Generators, please read more below.

What is Senate Bill 1383?

In 2016, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including methane from organic waste. SB 1383 sets goals for California businesses to reduce disposal of organic waste in the landfill, including recovering the maximum amount of surplus edible food for human consumption.

What do food recovery organizations/services need to do?

By January 1, 2022, all Tier 1 Commercial Edible Food Generators are required to have contracts or written agreements with all of the food recovery organizations/services that they work with. If a food recovery organization/service chooses to provide services to a Tier 1 Generator, then SB 1383 requires the food recovery organization/service to:

- Establish a written agreement/contract with each Tier 1 Generator
- Maintain records related to edible food recovery, including the:
 - Name, address, contact information of involved parties (commercial edible food generators, food recovery services and/or food recovery organizations),
 - Quantity of edible food collected, transported, and/or received per month (in pounds),

Jurisdictions Partnering in SB 1383 Implementation: Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga, Sunnyvale, and Unincorporated Santa Clara County.

- Report quantities of edible food collected and recovered to jurisdictions annually, and
- Cooperate with local government on food recovery planning efforts.

We are here to support your organization's efforts to comply with the new edible food recovery regulations. We can answer questions, help Tier 1 food generators connect with your organization by listing your contact information on our web site, and provide a template contract. Together, we can do this important work for our community and the planet.