

SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Requirements at Large Events



Senate Bill (SB) 1383 and Large Events

All events in California with 2000+ attendees/day are required to donate edible food that would have otherwise been disposed. **It is the event organizer's responsibility to ensure that the maximum amount of edible food is recovered (i.e. donated instead of thrown away) by food facilities and food vendors at their event.**

“Edible food” means food intended for people to eat but not sold because of surplus, appearance, age, grade, freshness, etc. It includes prepared food, packaged food, and produce.



These entities are required to recover the maximum amount of edible food (that would otherwise be disposed of) starting **January 1, 2024**:

- Health Facilities (w/ Food Facility and 100+ beds)
- State Agency Cafeterias ≥ 5,000 sq. ft. or 250+ seats
- Local Education Agencies (w/ Food Facility)
- Restaurants ≥ 5,000 sq. ft. or 250+ seats
- Hotels (w/ Food Facility and 200+ Rooms)
- Large Venues and Events



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1. Donate the maximum amount of edible food that would otherwise be disposed at the event.
 - Arrange donation through a written agreement with a food recovery organization or service (FRO).
 - Arrange for food facilities and food vendors operating at the event to donate their surplus recoverable food.
2. Maintain the following SB 1383 food recovery records: A list of each FRO that receives food donations from your event, a copy of the contract or written agreement with each FRO, the dates and times that food was collected or self-hauled, and the quantity of food donated in pounds per event.



Have questions or would like more information on the requirements? Please visit CityofBrea.gov/RecycleBrea and calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/

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Per SB 1383, events are subject to inspection for compliance with the food recovery requirements beginning Jan. 1, 2024. The required documents/information for City of Brea staff to review can be sent to RecycleBrea@CityofBrea.gov.

To view a list of FRO's in Brea and Orange County, visit cityofbrea.gov/BusinessRecycle



What about food safety? Donated food must meet food safety requirements of the California Retail Food Code (CalCode). *For guidance, review the California Safe Surplus Food Donation Guide.*

Worried about liability? The California Good Samaritan Food Donation Act and the federal Bill Emerson Food Donation Act protect donors from civil and criminal liability so long as the food was donated in good faith and fit for human consumption. Businesses, persons, and nonprofits are all covered.

Looking to reduce food waste at your event?

- Ask vendors to consider cutting prices on unsold food at the end of the day.
- Treat staff to leftovers.
- Publicize your efforts through signage or by hosting a waste-cutting challenge for attendees.
- Proper food storage keeps food fresh longer.



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