

What is SB1383?

SB1383 is a new statewide law enacted to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP's), which contribute to global warming and affect human health. In California, food waste accounts for 13 percent of the waste stream, equivalent to 6 million tons. Food waste in landfills emits methane gas — a super pollutant more powerful than CO2 — contributing to climate change.

Starting January 1, 2022, food generators including grocery stores and supermarkets, food service providers, food distributors, and wholesale food vendors (Tier 1) will be responsible for reducing organic material disposal as outlined by the law. By January 1, 2024, hotels, restaurants, health facilities, large venues and events, local education agencies, and state agencies with cafeterias will also be accountable (Tier 2). Food Donors must recover the maximum amount of edible food by donating surplus food rather than composting or throwing it out. Those who don't meet set standards will be subject to fines.

We are here for you

As a Feeding San Diego agency partner, we are here for you during the process of implementing this new law.

- Q:** What will change?
A: More food will be donated from local grocery stores, supermarkets, food distributors, food service providers, and wholesale food vendors. We will continue to share new opportunities with your team through regular communication as well as the Newsletter! Please check to make sure you are receiving the Feeding San Diego Agency Partner Newsletter.
- Q:** How does our organization make sure we're complying with the new law?
A: You will now be expected to report poundage on an annual basis to your local jurisdiction, but our technology platform MealConnect makes it easy to track this information and pull a report when needed. We will provide support on this aspect of compliance to all of our Agency Partners. Submitting receipts in MealConnect is more important now than ever before.
- Q:** Do I need to worry about signing an agreement?
A: No, Feeding San Diego will sign the agreement with our valued food donors, freeing you from committing to things you may not have the capacity to do.
- Q:** How will I know if I am rescuing food from a donor through partnership with Feeding San Diego?
A: If you are rescuing food from a donor through partnership with Feeding San Diego, you will be expected to submit receipts in MealConnect accordingly. All Feeding San Diego established donors should be listed in your MealConnect account. If you are ever unsure whether you are connected to a donor through partnership with Feeding San Diego, please don't hesitate to ask your Partnerships Coordinator!
- Q:** Will there be more food available to my organization?
A: The great news is...yes! But we will ensure that you are never overwhelmed and have only what you need and can manage.

We want to hear from you!

- Do you have interest in rescuing food from a business near you, but you are not sure how/if Feeding San Diego has an established partnership with said donor? Please reach out to your Partnerships Coordinator.
- Are you interested in growing your food rescue efforts, but you could use an additional volunteer driver in order to do so? Please reach out to your Partnerships Coordinator.
- Feeding San Diego is committed to supporting our Agency Partners. Please continue to share any and all feedback regarding donor relationships and the quality of donations you are receiving. We encourage you to keep us updated and let us know how your pickups are going!

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