

# Grocery Rescue Program

## Overview



### What is Grocery Rescue?

The Grocery Rescue Program helps grocery stores donate safe, surplus food to community members experiencing food insecurity, rather than *sending it to landfills*. This initiative not only supports those in need but also protects our environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting sustainability.

### How It Works

#### Dedicated Support

A Second Harvest Food Bank **Grocery Rescue Coordinator** will be your main point of contact, offering training, feedback, and ongoing assistance throughout the program.

#### Simple Pickups

We'll arrange scheduled pickups using our fleet or a local member of our Community Partner, tailored to your store's volume and availability.

#### Pre-Launch Training

Before starting, we'll:

- Train your team on what is and isn't acceptable to donate
- Review best practices for donation preparation
- Introduce your Community Partner for a smooth handoff



#### SB 1383 Compliance

We'll provide the necessary **agreement** and **monthly reporting** to support your compliance with California's SB 1383 food recovery requirements.

### Benefits of Donating Food

**Reduces Food Waste:** Donating food diverts it from landfills, reducing methane emissions and helping combat climate change.

**Supports Local Communities:** Provides nutritious food to those in need, improving health and well-being.

**Economic Benefits:** Saves disposal costs and may qualify for tax deductions.

### Let's Get Started

Our team is here to **train, support, and maintain** a successful food donation partnership. Please contact a member of our Food Sourcing Team at 949-653-2900 or [groceryrescue@feedoc.org](mailto:groceryrescue@feedoc.org).