

California Senate Bill 1383

Edible Food Recovery Requirements for Food Donors



What is SB 1383?

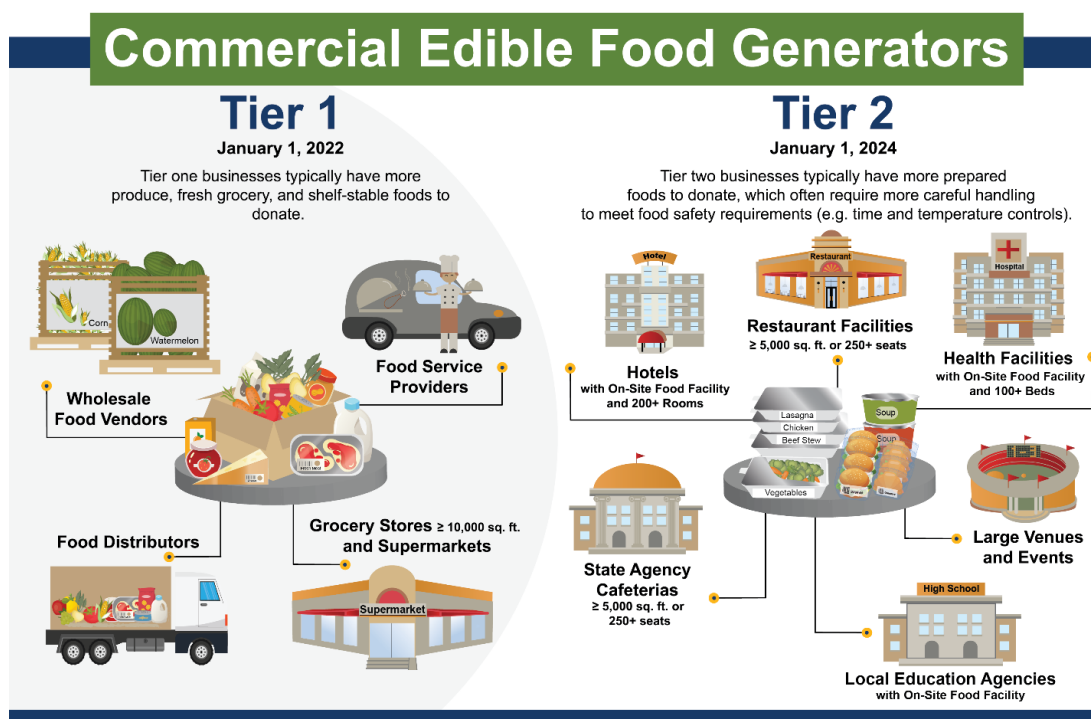
SB 1383 is a law that took effect January 1, 2022, requiring certain food businesses (referred to as “Commercial Edible Food Generators”) to donate to food recovery organizations the maximum amount of edible food they would otherwise dispose of.

The implementation of the Edible Food Recovery portion of SB 1383 has been rolled out in two phases: Tier 1 Edible Food Generator Implementation (January 1, 2022) and Tier 2 Edible Food Generator Implementation (January 1, 2024).

What is the timing of SB 1383?

Date	Milestone
January 1, 2022	SB 1383 regulations go into effect, requiring cities to implement organics waste diversion programs. Tier 1 Edible Food Generators (e.g., supermarkets, large grocery stores) must begin donating excess edible food.
January 1, 2024	Tier 2 Edible Food Generators (e.g., restaurants, hotels, and institutions) must start donating excess edible food. Cities may begin issuing warnings for non-compliance as part of enforcement activities.
January 1, 2025	Fines and penalties for non-compliance with SB 1383 regulations may be issued by cities.

Are you Identified as a Commercial Edible Food Generator? See the chart below.



If you are identified as a Tier 1 Edible Food Generator, Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County can assist you.

Important steps for Tier 1 Edible Food Generator to be compliant with SB 1383:

1. Partner with a food recovery organization or service like Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County.
2. Enter into an agreement with the organization you are partnering with.
3. Begin donating the maximum amount of excess edible food to the food recovery organization or service.
4. Keep records of your food donations including who you are donating to, pounds donated, schedule, and types of food.

Need help setting up your SB 1383-compliant program?

Contact Second Harvest Food Bank at foodsourcing@feedoc.org or (949) 208-3186.