Edible Food Recovery in San Francisco

SB 1383 Implementation

**Citywide Food Recovery System**

**TIER 1**
Edible Food Generators (2022)
- FOOD SERVICE PROVIDERS (e.g. Bon Appetit, Guggenheimer)
- WHOLESALE FOOD VENDORS (e.g. SF Market)
- FOOD DISTRIBUTORS

**TIER 2**
Edible Food Generators (2024)
- RESTAURANTS
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- STATE AGENCY CAFETERIAS
- HOTELS
- EVENT VENUES
- EDUCATION AGENCIES

**Food Recovery Services**
- FOOD RECOVERY SERVICES (e.g. Copia, FoodRunners, Replate)

**Food Recovery Organizations**
- FOOD RECOVERY ORGANIZATIONS (e.g. SF Marin Food Bank, meal programs)

**KEY**
- Agreements to receive recovered edible food
- Data/reporting related to recovery and distribution
- Grant Funding
- Regulatory responsibilities
September 2021-February 2022: Capacity Analysis Study
May 2022: SF Environment established a partnership with Department of Public Health
July 2022:
San Francisco adopted a local edible food recovery ordinance

SEC. 3201. TITLE.

This Chapter 32 shall be entitled "Mandatory Edible Food Recovery" and may be referenced as the Mandatory Edible Food Recovery Ordinance.

(Adopted by Ord. 90-77, File No. 220607, App. 6/15/2022, Eff 7/16/2022)

SEC. 3202. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Chapter 32, the following words have the following meanings:

“City” means the City and County of San Francisco.

“Commercial Business” means a firm, partnership, proprietorship, joint-stock company, corporation, or association, whether for-profit or nonprofit, for which a multi-family residential dwelling that consists of five or more units.

“Commercial Edible Food Generator” means an entity other than a Food Recovery Organization or Food Recovery Service, and that is a Commercial Edible Food Generator, that:

(a) Disposes of Edible Food in the course of the entity’s operation of a Commercial Business;

(b) Disposes of Edible Food in the course of the entity’s operation of a Large Venue or Large Event, either directly or indirectly through an administrative or regulatory entity;

(c) Arranges for the recovery of Edible Food that would otherwise be disposed of in the course of the entity’s operation of a Commercial Business;

“Department” means the Department of the Environment.
Site Visits, Education, and Technical Assistance
### Food Recovery Organizations

If your business generates surplus edible food and you would like to directly set up a donation partnership with a food recovery organization (food pantries and food assistance programs, faith-based organizations, schools, etc.), below is a list of organizations in the City and County of San Francisco who are currently accepting new food donations. Please see below for contact information and details on the types of food they accept, in which quantities, etc. Some may require regular donations, but others accept one-time drop-offs or can pick-up food. Please follow instructions on how to contact them and arrange donations.

See Food Recovery Organizations on a map [here](#).

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<th>Organization</th>
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<td><strong>Asian Pacific American Community Center</strong></td>
<td>Non-perishable packaged food, Bulk prepared foods (from restaurants, events, etc.)</td>
<td>Prefer cooked/packaged prepared restaurant meals, then package food. Cannot accept produce of refrigerated food. Please contact before donating</td>
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<td><strong>Casa de Barro Free Methodist Church</strong></td>
<td>Fresh produce, Shelf-stable/Non-perishable foods; Dairy; Egg; Meat; Seafood (prefer frozen); Other refrigerated grocery; Frozen Food; Baked goods; Individually packaged prepared food.</td>
<td>Please contact before donating. Drop off between 8 am - 12 pm. No pick up.</td>
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<td><strong>Centro Latino</strong></td>
<td>Fresh produce, Shelf-stable/Non-perishable foods; Dairy; Egg; Meat; Other refrigerated grocery; Frozen Food; Products past their best by dates.</td>
<td>Please contact before donating. Deliveries only.</td>
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<td><strong>Chinatown YMCA</strong></td>
<td>Nonperishable packaged foods, bulk foods. No refrigerated foods.</td>
<td>Please contact before donating so as to donate when hours work</td>
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<td><strong>CityTeams</strong></td>
<td>Non-perishable packaged food, Dairy, Eggs, Meat, Frozen foods, Bread and/or baked goods, Individually packaged prepared foods</td>
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Progress:

Continuing current outreach, education, and technical assistance to generators and FROs

Press conference about what SFE is doing to comply with the edible food recovery requirements of SB1383

Worked with Food Runners to get them to agree to sign contracts with donors and track their donations to ensure SB1383 compliance

Finalizing a self reporting system for food recovery organizations to report their pounds of edible food recovered
Kitchen Zero SF Grants: Up to $14,000 to support partnerships to prevent food waste and comply with SB 1383
2023 Focus: Food recovery reporting data & Tier 2 implementation
Infrastructure Recommendations:

Create a position within SFE to carry out this work consistently

Create a feedback loop for quality of food/donation dumping – hold donors accountable and remove burden from FROs

Conduct outreach to help FROs determine how to reduce the amount of food they cannot use

Provide grants to enable FRO to acquire the resources and equipment needed to increase and improve donations

Inventory potential unused resources within the City such as refrigerator and freezer space and refrigerated vehicles from other businesses
Thank you!

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