

SB 1383: Organic Waste Regulations



In September 2016, Governor Brown signed into law Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383), establishing methane emissions reduction targets in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants in various sectors of California's economy. SB 1383 establishes targets to achieve a 75 percent reduction in the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2025. The law grants CalRecycle the regulatory authority required to achieve the organic waste disposal reduction targets and establishes an additional target that not less than 20 percent of currently disposed of edible food is recovered for human consumption by 2025.

The Cities and County of Solano collectively developed "[Reducing Food Waste](#)" to provide residents and businesses with an overview of SB 1383.

Residents

Residents that already have a green waste bin will not need to do anything and may begin recycling organics immediately. You will be notified once service changes from bi-weekly to weekly pickup. If you do not have a green waste bin, our waste hauler, Republic Services, will deliver one.

Commercial and Multi-Family Properties

Current businesses are already SB 1383 compliant and need to keep up their great work. For new businesses that are not yet compliant, contact Republic Services to get started now.

Edible Food Recovery Resources

To reduce unnecessary food waste and help address food insecurity, SB 1383 requires that by 2025, the state of California will recover and redistribute 20 percent of edible food that would have otherwise been sent to landfills. The law directs the following:

- Jurisdictions must establish edible food recovery outreach and inspection programs; help connect mandated edible food generators with food recovery organizations/services and ensure there is sufficient county-wide capacity for all the recovered edible food.
- Mandated edible food generators must arrange to recover the maximum amount of their edible food that would otherwise go to landfills. They must establish

contracts with food recovery organizations/services that will accept their edible food and keep records of all edible food recovery.

- Food recovery organizations and services that work with mandated edible food generators must maintain and submit records of edible food recovery.

What is edible food?

Edible food is food intended for people to eat, including food not sold because of appearance, age, freshness, grade, surplus, etc. Edible food includes, but is not limited to, prepared foods, packaged foods and produce. All edible food must meet the food safety requirements of the California Retail Food Code.

Find a Match

The City of Benicia maintains a list of edible food recovery organizations and services serving the City of Benicia. Edible food generators and community donors can use this list to find a good match for their edible food. Many food recovery organizations rely on transportation services like MealConnect, a free app designed to connect food donors with appropriate food receivers. To start the donation process, visit mealconnect.org. The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano is a great place to start recovering edible food! Many smaller agencies rely on contributions made through the Food Bank's processing center. Donations using the Food Bank and [MealConnect](https://mealconnect.org) will have a positive impact on your local community.

Sign up to donate at:

<https://mealconnect.org/>

The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano:

855-309-FOOD (3663)

<https://www.foodbankccs.org/find-food/foodbycity/>

2370 N. Watney Way, Fairfield

Thank you to local partners in food recovery!

[Food is Free Solano](#) – Benicia

[Faith Food Fridays](#) – Vallejo

[Benicia Community Action Council](#) – Benicia

If you have fruit trees that need to be picked, contact Food is Free Solano. They have a gleaner team and would love to pick the fruit and distribute, so it does not go to waste.