



Why Donate Surplus Edible Food?

- Feeds people facing food insecurity
- Saves money through tax incentives and reduced waste hauling costs
- Reduces greenhouse gases by keeping organic material out of the landfill
- State law will soon require many commercial edible food generators to donate to a food recovery organization



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How to Donate Food:

1. Identify food that can be donated
2. Contact Environmental Services at sdrecyclingworks@sandiego.gov or 858-694-7000 for guidance on partnering with a food recovery organization
3. Establish food safety standards and a transportation plan with your partner organization

Donor Liability Protection

State and Federal food donation laws provide liability protections to food donors.

Food Donation Resources

- [San Diego Food Bank](#)
- [San Diego Food Systems Alliance](#)
- [Feeding America San Diego](#)
- [SB 1383 Short-lived Climate Pollutants](#)
- [EPA Feed Hungry People](#)
- [San Diego County Food Donations FAQ](#)