



Feed People, Not Landfills: How to Get Ahead With Food Donations and Senate Bill 1383 Compliance

# Hello!

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**Feeding San Diego wants to be your partner in SB 1383 compliance.**

Together, we can feed people not landfills.



# What is SB 1383?

- California's new organic waste and surplus food recovery law. It affects both businesses and households.
- SB 1383 makes feeding people, not landfills, law. Businesses with surplus edible food must now donate to food recovery organizations like Feeding San Diego.

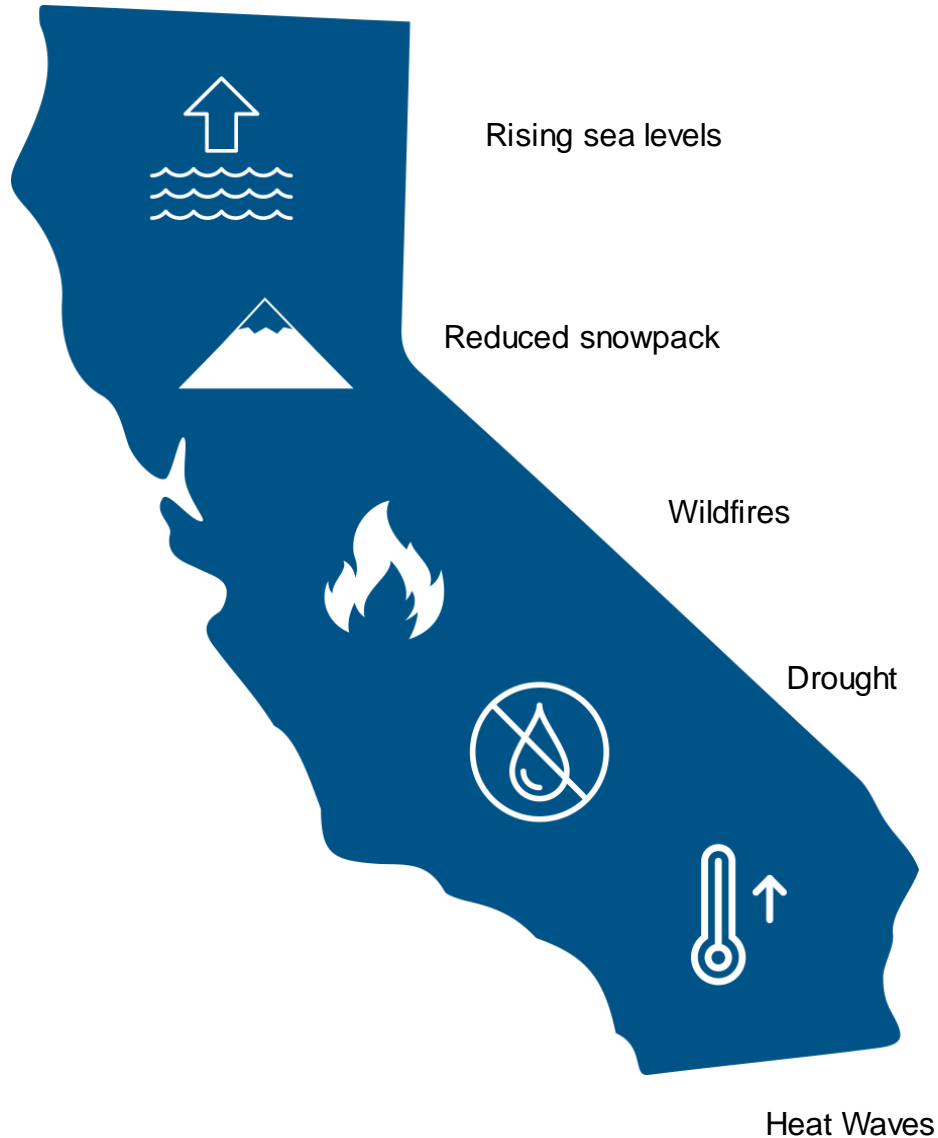




## Why It Matters: People

**It's bananas!** Hundreds of thousands of people are facing hunger in San Diego County while more than **35%** of all food produced is wasted in the United States each year.

## Why It Matters: Environment



Landfilled organic waste emits METHANE GAS – a super pollutant more powerful than CO<sub>2</sub>.

Methane gas contributes to climate change which California is already experiencing.

Organic waste is the largest waste stream in California, including food waste which accounts for **more than 6 million tons each year!**



# Commercial Edible Food Generators

## Tier 1

January 1, 2022

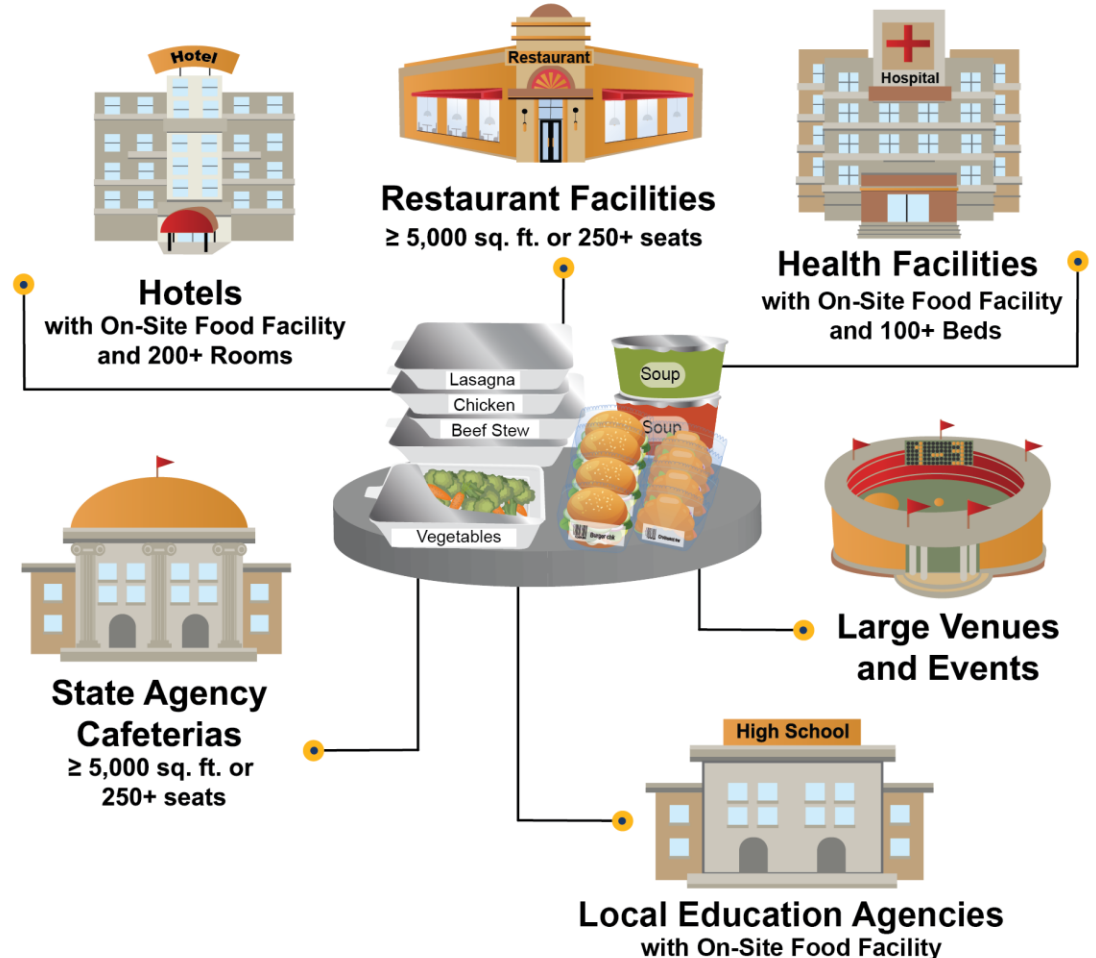
Tier one businesses typically have more produce, fresh grocery, and shelf-stable foods to donate.



## Tier 2

January 1, 2024

Tier two businesses typically have more prepared foods to donate, which often require more careful handling to meet food safety requirements (e.g. time and temperature controls).



# What does SB 1383 mean for you?

Starting January 1, 2024, Tier 2 food generators must:

- Donate the maximum amount of edible food rather than composting or wasting it
- Arrange for food recovery through a contract or written agreement with food recovery organizations (such as Feeding San Diego!)
- Maintain records of:
  - Each food recovery organization you work with
  - Contracts and agreements available for review
  - Types of food collected or self-hauled
  - Established frequency of donations
  - Pounds per month





# How Can Feeding San Diego Support You?

- We will pick-up your food donations on a regular basis, or as needed
- Provide you with written agreements and reports for SB 1383 compliance
- We will ensure your surplus food gets into the hands of people in our community facing hunger





# Why Feeding San Diego ?





# Feed



Feeding San Diego  
distributes more than  
**40.3M meals a year**  
to people facing hunger ...



in partnership with  
**nearly 300**  
local charities, schools,  
faith communities, meal  
sites, and food pantries





# Rescue



We rescue food from **400 food donors** in San Diego County and **over 225 farms and packing sheds** throughout California



**70%** of the food we distribute is rescued



Last year we diverted **27,282,775 pounds** of food from the landfill



Which saved nearly **25,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent** from being emitted into the atmosphere

# Unite

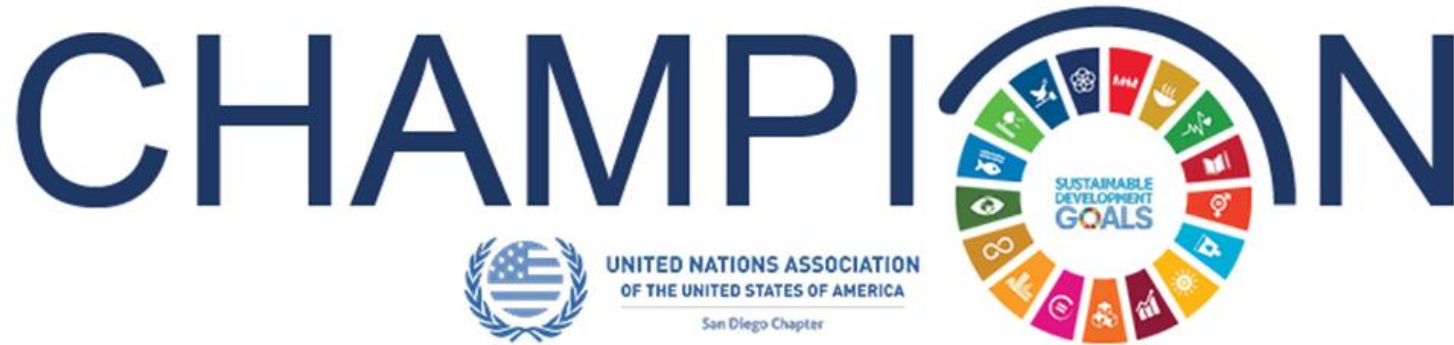
Every dollar donated helps provide two meals for people facing hunger.

Together, we are Feeding San Diego.





# Proud to be named a Sustainable Development Goals Champion





# Food Rescue in Action



# Our Food Rescue Network



Food rescue partners recovered **over 13.4 million pounds** of the total 27.3 million pounds we diverted from the landfill last year



Recover food in 18 cities across San Diego County



484 Food Donors with 776 recurring pick-ups every week!



108 Food Rescue Partners

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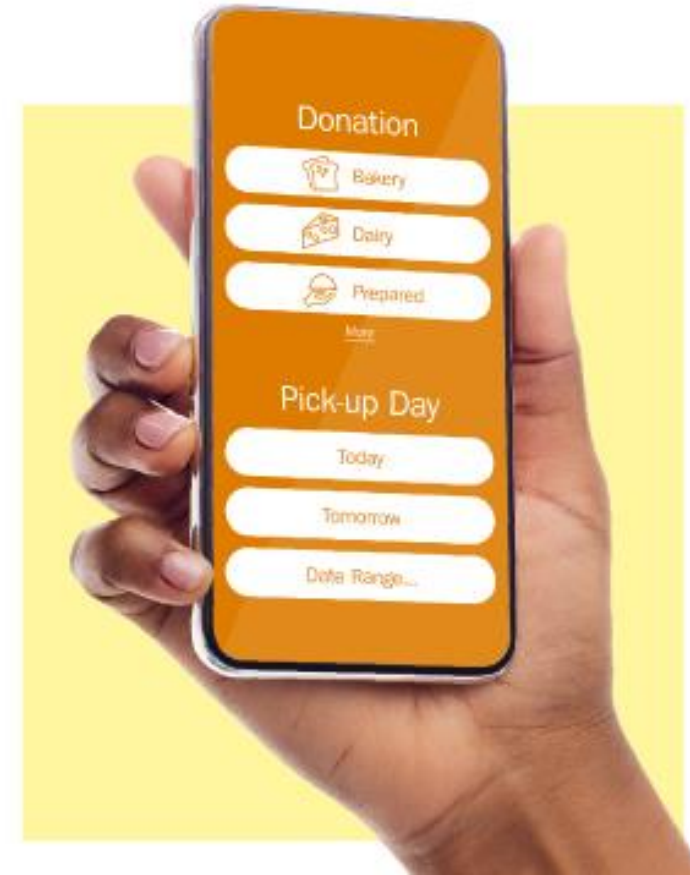
# Advantages of Working With Us

- Our organization has expertise in food rescue through varying channels – we **currently coordinate 776 pickups from food donors every week!**
- Food rescue is powered by MealConnect, a proven, tested tool
- The MealConnect posting process is automated, making things simple for donors
- Pickups can either be scheduled or requested in real time. A combo of the two works well for most donors!



## Food Rescue at Your Fingertips.

[MealConnect.org](https://MealConnect.org)





# MealConnect™

The image displays three sequential screens of the MealConnect mobile application. The first screen, titled "Enter Pounds" and "Pickup Day", features a list of date selection buttons: "Today", "Tomorrow", "Date Range...", "June 9th", "June 10th", "June 11th", "June 12th", and "June 13th". The second screen, titled "Home" and "Category", shows a vertical list of food categories, each with an icon and a label: Bakery (bread icon), Dairy (cheese icon), Prepared (hat icon), Produce (apple icon), Meat (meat icon), Beverages (cup icon), Nonfood (pencil icon), and Mix (mixer icon). The third screen, titled "Submitted", displays a confirmation message: "Transaction Received" followed by "The donation that you have entered has been received successfully.", and an "Okay" button at the bottom.

# Donation Requirements:

- All food donations should be cooled quickly if previously held hot and kept stored at 41°F or below.
- Cannot include any food that was previously reheated.
- Cannot include foods previously served to the public (i.e. exposed to the public on a self-service buffet or on bulk displays exposed to the public).
- Prepared food donations need to have an ingredient label. We can provide a template!



# Case Study: The San Diego Zoo

- Since January 2020, our food rescue partners have recovered over 7,000 pounds of food from the San Diego Zoo
- The zoo donates prepared food such as rice, BBQ chicken, vegetable stir-fry, macaroni & cheese, hamburgers and more
- Some of the organizations that benefit are Alpha Project for the Homeless, Life Christian Center, Partnership for a Better San Diego, and San Diego Rescue Mission.





# Feedback From Life Christian Center



The employees at the zoo are kind and helpful! It's great having such detailed information to prepare for a pickup from a large location. They give us specific instructions on who and where to report to and an idea of the amount of trays so we know how to prepare our volunteers, vehicles, and distribution planning

- Elizabeth from Life Christian Center



## Want To Get Started?

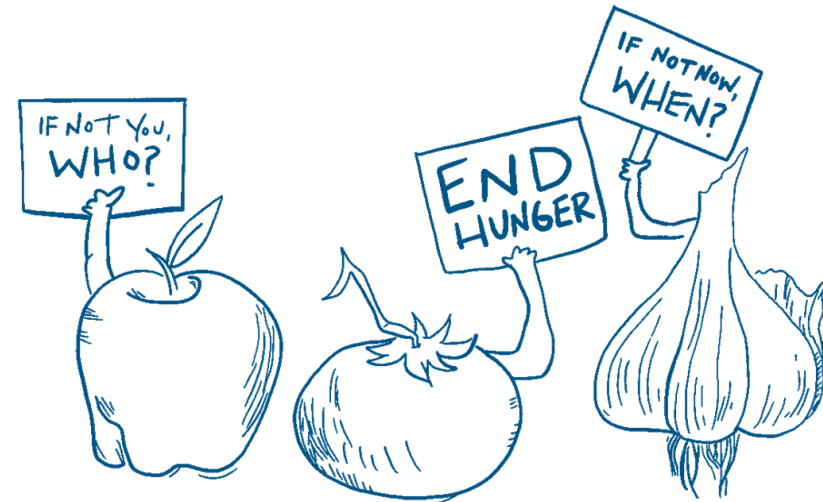
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Thank You!

Q&A

