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Tier 1 Commercial Edible Food Generator Notification Letter

Re: Senate Bill 1383 Edible Food Recovery Requirements Effective January 1, 2022

Dear Business Representative,

All through California businesses have been changing their approach to food waste. This year, it has become California State law. With the goal of diverting food waste from the landfill the state is requiring opening access to food for members of our community through a food recovery program.

You have been identified as a “Tier 1 Commercial Edible Food Generator” which is defined as one of the following: a supermarket, grocery store with 10,000+ square feet, food service provider, food distributor, or wholesale food vendor. This year, Tier 1 Generators will need to implement an edible food recovery program to meet the requirements of these new regulations and avoid enforcement.

What is Senate Bill 1383?

In 2016, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including methane from organic waste. SB 1383 sets goals for California business to reduce disposal of organic waste in the landfill, including recovering the maximum amount of surplus edible food for human consumption.

What does my business need to do?

- Recover the maximum amount of surplus food that would otherwise be disposed (as compost or landfill) to feed people,
- Have a written agreement/contract with a food recovery organization/service that can pick up or receive edible food from your business, and
- Maintain records of type, frequency and pounds of food recovered each month.

Where can I find more information?

Visit the County Website: <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/emd/solidwaste/sb1383>

Visit Cal Recycles Website: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/foodrecovery>

We are here to support your efforts to comply with the new edible food recovery regulations. We can answer questions, help you find compatible food recovery organizations, and provide a template contract. Together, we can do this.