

# Tier 1 Commercial Edible Food Generator Notification Letter

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

Dear Business Representative,

**Recovering surplus edible food to feed people is not only a great idea, but also a California law, starting January 1, 2022.** This effort will increase access to nutritious food for members of our community, while reducing waste and greenhouse gas emissions that are the result of food ending up in a landfill!

Our initial research has identified your business 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. By January 1, 2022, Tier 1 Generators will need to implement an edible food recovery program to meet the requirements of these new regulations.

### **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 businesses 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?**

By January 1, 2022, all Tier 1 Generators will need to do the following to comply with SB 1383 requirements:

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

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 important work for our community and the planet.

**Jurisdictions Partnering in SB 1383 Implementation:** Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga, Sunnyvale, and Unincorporated Santa Clara County.