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SENATE BILL 1383 EDIBLE FOOD RECOVERY PROGRAM

Donating surplus edible food to feed others is not only a smart idea, but as of January 1, 2022, it is State law.

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 requirements for California businesses to reduce organic waste disposal in landfills, including recovering the maximum amount of surplus edible food for human consumption.

In December 2021, the City Council adopted an ordinance to add Santa Maria Municipal Code Chapter 8-21 in compliance with SB 1383. This new chapter of the Santa Maria Municipal Code establishes new programs, monitoring, enforcement, and reporting related to mandatory organics recycling. You may review this new section of the Santa Maria Municipal Code online at <http://www.qcode.us/codes/santamaria/>.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOUR BUSINESS?

Your business has been identified as a “Tier 1 Commercial Edible Food Generator,” which is defined as one of the following: a supermarket, grocery store with more than 10,000 square feet, food service provider, food distributor, or wholesale food vendor. **Starting January 1, 2022, all Tier 1 Generators must implement an edible food recovery program to meet the requirements of these new regulations, which includes:**

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

NEXT STEPS

You are encouraged to visit the webpage

<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/foodrecovery/organizations>
to educate yourself on the new requirements.

The City of Santa Maria Utilities Department is teaming with you to increase access to edible food in Santa Maria and will support your efforts to comply with the new edible food recovery regulations, including answering questions, helping you find compatible food recovery organizations, *and* providing a contract template.

The Utilities Department will reach out to you soon about the program and answer questions. If you have any questions between now and then, please contact Jessi Brown at (805) 925-0951 ext. 7270.

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