



CA Senate Bill 1383: Requirements for Jurisdictions

The Abound Food Care Resource Recovery Program provides SB 1383 compliance solutions that assist jurisdictions with outreach to food establishments, donation data aggregation, and capacity development by activating local resources.

What is SB 1383?

SB 1383 is a California state mandate to reduce organic waste destined for landfills by 75%, and to recover 20% of edible food that would otherwise be sent to landfills by 2025.

Why is this law in place?

Food waste is the second largest contributor of organic matter in California landfills which produces methane gas, a known greenhouse gas pollutant. California has made a commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution by implementing SB 1383.

How and when does this affect my organization?

Jurisdictions must comply with SB 1383 or face fines, penalties and potential litigation. Below is a timeline of requirements you must meet.

SB 1383 Timeline of Requirements

Year	Requirements	Actions you need to take
January 1, 2020	50% reduction in organic waste disposal	Connect with edible food recovery programs
January 1, 2022	Regulations take effect and enforcement begins	Establish edible food recovery programs, capacity planning, conduct outreach and education
January 1, 2024	Local governments take over enforcement	Local governments take action against non-compliant entities
January 1, 2025	75% reduction in organics waste disposal, and 20% increase in edible food recovery	Must be compliant with all SB 1383 requirements or face fines and penalties

How does my jurisdiction achieve compliance?

In order for California to achieve the 20% edible food recovery goal, jurisdictions will be required to implement local edible food recovery programs. As part of their programs, they must accomplish the following tasks:

Step 1:

Conduct a gap analysis and capacity assessment, and identify Tier 1 and Tier 2 edible food generators.

Step 2:

Expand edible food recovery capacity if it is determined that sufficient capacity does not exist.

Step 3

Provide education and outreach to Tier 1 and Tier 2 commercial edible food generators.

Step 4:

Increase commercial food generator access to food recovery organizations and services.

Step 5:

Develop list of edible food generators that have a written agreement with food recovery organizations or services.

Step 6

Monitor compliance and conduct enforcement.

While this document provides guidance on establishing an edible food recovery program, following these steps does not necessarily mean that a jurisdiction will be in full compliance with all edible food recovery requirements. You must also comply with food recovery program recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

About Food Care can help!

About Food Care aims to show communities that there's an abundance of accessible solutions to reduce food waste and food insecurity in our communities. Through About's Food Resource Recovery Program, we are uniquely qualified to provide jurisdictions with compliance assistance in the following areas:

- Data aggregation
- Capacity development
- Food safety training and auditing
- "Peer-to-peer" outreach and education to food waste generators
- Combined outreach touchpoint tracking

Have questions about SB 1383 requirements or want to learn how About Food Care can help? Visit aboundfoodcare.org or call 1-855-700-9662.