



City of Chico

Edible Food Donation Guide

Food Donation Options

In Butte County we have two FREE local food recovery programs that leverage their expertise and network of partners to provide logistical support, including food pickup, tracking, and delivery.

Feeding America



This program works with SB 1383 Tier 1 (see page 2) generators within the County. They accept the following donations via their online MealConnect website.

Acceptable donations: bread/bakery items, deli, dairy, meat, produce, and dry goods (canned, packaged, and shelf stable).

Rules: no opened packages accepted, all items must include appropriate product labeling, ingredients, expiration dates and/or best-by and/or sell-by dates. **No bulk product or prepared food.** Agency has the right to refuse any product based on temperature, packaging, and volume

To get connected to a local organization that will be able to use your donated produce please visit: www.MealConnect.org

530 Food Rescue Coalition

1 Food retail partner contacts 530 FRC with a food donation.

2 530 FRC dispatch posts available rescues on the app.

3 A Food Rescue Hero claims a rescue that works for their schedule.

4 A partner organization distributes the food to those in need.

THE FOOD RESCUE JOURNEY

The 530 FRC aims to fill the gaps in the existing food recovery system for Tier 2 generators. They use a custom-built app to mobilize volunteers to transport food donations from any local edible food generator to non-profits.

Rules:

- Food must be edible.
- Food may have expired sell by dates if it is still good.
- Food must be packaged in containers, boxes, or bags that do not need to be returned.
- Prepared food must be cold. No hot food at this time.
- Bulk and/or small donations are accepted.

To schedule a food donation use the following options:
530-285-5757 • info@530frs.org • www.530frc.org

Donation Benefits

With the proper care and handling of food, we can feed more and waste less. The social, environmental, and economic benefits of participating in Food Donation Programs are boundless:

- **Reduce excess inventory.** Run a more efficient operation.
- **Save money.** Pay less on trash hauling costs associated with the transportation and maintenance of food to the landfill.
- **Compliance with state and local mandates.** Fulfill reporting requirements and avoid penalties.
- **Help end hunger.** Ensure that no food is ever wasted and that every American is well fed.
- **Waste less.** Reduce the impact on our landfills—and our planet.

Commercial Edible Food Generators

Tier 1

January 1, 2022

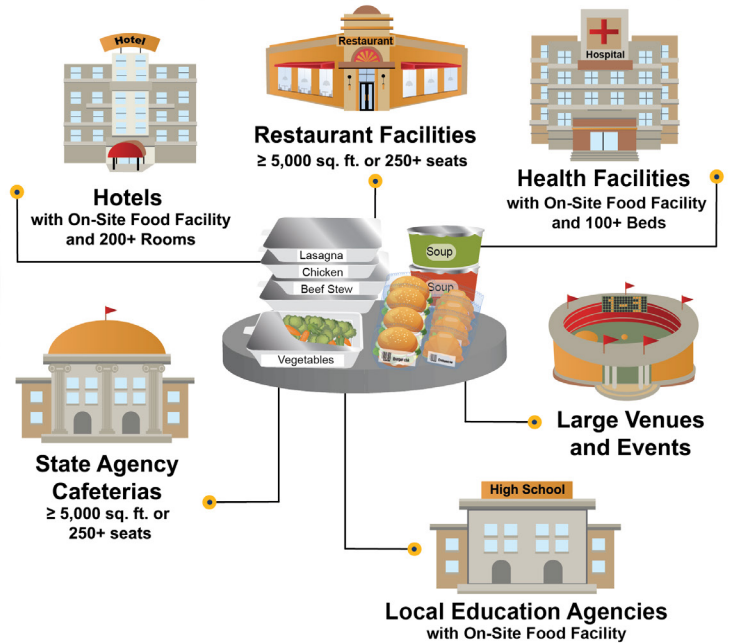
Tier one businesses typically have more produce, fresh grocery, and shelf-stable foods to donate.



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).



SB 1383 requires certain food businesses to donate the maximum amount of edible food they would otherwise dispose, to food recovery organizations.

The law phases food donors in under two tiers. The first tier is required to donate starting in 2022. The second tier is required to donate starting in 2024.

Food Donor Requirements

- **Establish Contracts or Written Agreements with Food Recovery Organizations.** City will monitor compliance each year.
- **Record keeping:** maintain records of food donation activities including, donation or delivery schedules, quantity of food donated in pounds per month and type of food donated.

You are Protected!

Most of the date labels we see every day, like “sell by,” “use by,” or “best if used by” DO NOT indicate food safety – they indicate freshness or quality. California recently passed the California Good Samaritan Food Donation Act (AB 1219), which provides liability protections for entities that make good faith donations of surplus food. AB 1219 clarifies and expands liability protections for donated surplus food by:

- Creating a more comprehensive list of entities covered by law
- Explicitly states that donation of past-date food is subject to liability protection
- Expands liability protection to donations made by food facilities, which are subject to food safety regulations and inspections, directly to individuals for consumption (direct donation).

