



COUNTY OF ORANGE

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## Tier 2 Commercial Edible Food Generator Compliance Notification

Dear Business Owner/Representative,

Recovering surplus edible food to feed people is California law beginning 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.

The County has identified your business as a Tier 2 Commercial Edible Food Generator, which is defined as one of the following: Restaurants with facilities  $\geq 5,000$  sq. ft. or 250+ seats, hotels with an on-site food facility and 200+ rooms, health facilities with an on-site food facility and 100+ beds, large venues and events, state agency cafeterias with facilities  $\geq 5,000$  sq. ft. or 250+ seats, local education agency with an on-site food facility, non-local entities. **By January 1, 2024, Tier 2 Generators will need to implement an edible food recovery program to be compliant with 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, 2024**, all Tier 2 Generators will need to do the **ALL** of 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 a food recovery organization/service that picks up or receives edible food from your business, **and**
- ✓ Maintain records of type, frequency and pounds of food recovered each month. Data will need to be submitted to OC Waste & Recycling.

The County of Orange is available to support your efforts in meeting compliance with these new regulations. Visit [OCLandfills.com/SB1383](https://oclandfills.com/SB1383) or call **714-834-4000** for detailed compliance information including a list of food recovery organizations and services in Orange County. OC Waste & Recycling will continue providing information regarding compliance and your specific action plan.

Sincerely,

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