

A background image showing hands preparing food. There are green apples in a green tray, a bowl of green salad, a bowl of brown rice, and a bowl of shredded green vegetables. A person is holding a green apple.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

# FOOD RESCUE

Saving food. Feeding people.

Does your organization provide charitable meals to those in need?

**We can help find more food for you to distribute – no charge.**

## Join Us

SBC Food Rescue is a collaborative food recovery network for Santa Barbara County with support from private, public, and nonprofit sectors. We build relationships between donors with excess food and charitable organizations throughout the County to help address food insecurity and keep good food out of the landfill.

## Who should sign up to receive donations?

Nonprofit organizations that provide food to community members in need are eligible to receive food donations.

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It is hard to find the right words to describe this wonderful thing SBC Food Rescue is doing. Pick up was easy, food was delicious, and the folks around the table were happy. For the staff, it was wonderful to spend less time in the kitchen and instead have the extra time to do the many other things that keep us busy.

**Paloma Espino  
Sarah House**

*Let SBC Food Rescue  
help you today.*

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Does your business generate two or more cubic yards of solid waste per week? If so, California State Law requires you to have an organic waste recycling program.

**Donating surplus food is one way to comply.  
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### About the Laws

**AB 1826** requires California businesses that generate two+ cubic yards of solid waste per week to establish an organic waste recycling program. **SB 1383** establishes guidelines for organic waste reduction and edible food recovery targets for businesses.

**Donating surplus food is one way to comply with AB 1826 and SB 1383.**

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### Who should sign up to donate?

Any permitted food facility can be a donor, such as wholesalers, supermarkets, restaurants, cafes, hotels, universities, farmers, and farmers' markets.

### Why should I donate my excess food?

- Comply with **state laws**.
- **Receive tax deductions** for donated food.
- **Reduce cost** of hauling away food waste.
- **Feed community members** in need.
- Increase community engagement and **positive publicity**.
- **Divert waste** from landfills.

### Am I liable if I donate my excess food?

No. If the excess food is wholesome and fit for human consumption, and is donated to a nonprofit that is feeding individuals in need, the donor is not liable. For more details visit [sbfoodrescue.org/related-laws](http://sbfoodrescue.org/related-laws).

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One of the huge hurdles to getting to our goal of recycling 90% of our waste stream was prepared food. With CEC's help, we were able to meet County protocols and offer fresh vegetables and prepared food from our buffet line. Veggie Rescue picked it up and delivered it to the Buellton Senior Center. It's a great feeling to be able to save unused food rather than throwing it away, and the stories we are getting back from the people receiving the food validates the efforts we made.

**Mark Funkhouser**  
Chumash Casino and Hotel

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