

CALIFORNIA SHORT LIVED CLIMATE REDUCTION STRATEGY: SB 1383

Plumas County SB 1383 Education and Resource Guide 2023

What is SB 1383?

California Senate Bill 1383 establishes statewide targets to reduce the amount of organic waste deposited in landfills. SB 1383 has implications for generators of food waste such as Grocery Stores, Educational Facilities and County Fairs.

Climate Impact of Organic Waste

- Organic waste in California landfills accounts for 20% of the States total methane production.
- [Methane](#) is more than 25 times more potent than CO₂ at trapping heat in the Earth's atmosphere.
- [Organic Waste](#) can emit particulate matter that has negative health impacts – contributing to and worsening health conditions such as asthma.

Tier I and Tier II Generators

Tier I and II generators have different timelines for instituting SB 1383 measures. Tier I generators must send surplus edible food (***food that is deemed unfit for sale due to blemishes etc. but still fit for human consumption***) to food recovery organizations starting January 1, 2022 while Tier II generators have until January 1, 2024.

Tier I Generators Include:

- Grocery stores with facilities greater than 10,000 sq. ft. or revenue exceeding \$2 million
- Wholesale food vendors

Tier II Generators Include:

- Restaurants with facilities greater than 5,000 sq. ft. or 250+ seating capacity
- Hotels with on-site food facilities and 100+ beds
- Educational agencies with on-site food facilities
- Hospitals with on-site food facilities and 100+ beds

Requirements for Food Generators

SB 1383 requires Food Generators to donate excess edible food to Food Recovery organizations. Additionally, SB 1383 requires Food Generators to establish contracts or written agreements with Food Recovery Organizations.

[Cal Recycle](#) has a number of tools for Food Generators, including model food recovery agreements and model record keeping tools.

Food Recovery Organizations in Plumas County

Food Recovery Organizations are entities such as: food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens.

Plumas County has a number of Food Recovery Organizations that can be found [here](#).

Local SB 1383 Ordinance

On April 18th, 2023, The Board of Supervisors passed an addition to the Plumas County Code of Ordinances, adding chapter 14 of title 6. This ordinance formalizes the requirements for edible food generators discussed in this document. The ordinance creates an “educational period” lasting until January 1st, 2024, allowing affected entities to come into compliance before any monetary penalties are enforced. The text of the ordinance can be viewed [here](#).

Other Tools and Resources

- Waste Management has produced [this](#) infographic – detailing how to properly segregate waste.
- [Link](#) to Cal Recycle’s home page for its Short Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy.
- [Link](#) to Safe Surplus Food Donation Toolkit – includes information on types of food eligible for donation, guides for donation practices as well as laws and tax deduction opportunities for Food Donators.

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