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Tier 1 Commercial Edible Food Generator Compliance Notification

Dear Business Owner/Representative,

Recovering surplus edible food to provide to hungry Californians in need is now state law, legislation aimed to increase access to nutritious food for members of our community, while reducing waste and greenhouse gasses resulting from landfilled food. In fact, California landfills are the third largest source of methane in the State.

Through a recent Edible Food Recovery Capacity Study conducted by Abound Food Care, the County of Ventura has identified your business as a *Tier 1 Commercial Edible Food Generator*, defined as one of the following: a supermarket; a grocery store with 10,000+ square feet; a food service provider; a food distributor; or a wholesale food vendor. ***Tier 1 Generators must implement an edible food recovery program to comply with these new regulations.***

What is Senate Bill 1383?

In 2016, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, particularly methane created from decomposing 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?

Tier 1 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 the County of Ventura Public Works Agency.

The County of Ventura is available to support your efforts in complying with these new regulations, including offering available resources (i.e., indoor recycling and compost containers, signage and a food scale for ease of tracking). ***The state's compliance date was January 1, 2022. We must hear from you no later than June 30. Visit vcpublishworks.org/SB1383, call 805-658-4321 or email SB1383@ventura.org*** for detailed compliance information, including a list of food recovery organizations and services available in Ventura County.

Sincerely,



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