

SAFE SURPLUS FOOD DONATION

Implementing AB 1219
Preparing for AB 1383



MAIN OBSTACLES TO FOOD WASTE DONATION

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Belief that
it is
prohibited by
EH

2

Concerns
about liability

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Lack of
awareness of
the scope of
the problem

4

Inconsistent
guidance

5

Inadequate
infrastructure

**EH is UNIQUELY
POSITIONED to address
these barriers**

Ensure food safety

Feed hungry people

Help the environment

WHAT IS THIS PROJECT?

1. **IDENTIFY** best practices and existing barriers to safe food redistribution.
2. **PROVIDE** trainings and materials for CA EH regulators.
3. **PROMOTE** adoption of policies and procedures.

PHI and CCDEH Phase I

- **Safe Surplus Food Donation for EHS**
- **Trained over 850 EHS in 52 jurisdictions**
- **In the post-training survey – 40 jurisdictions indicated adoption of BMPs**
- **Training covered AB 1219, AB 954, & SB 557 – all key pieces of legislation to advance food waste prevention and food recovery efforts**



GET STARTED

In order to start a successful food donation program in your food facility, we suggest following these four steps.

- 1. Weigh and track your surplus food first,** set a surplus food reduction goal and plan accordingly! Visit the US Environmental Protection Agency's EPA Food Recovery Challenge page and sign up for a free tracking tool and more resources <https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/food-recovery-challenge-frc>
- 2. If you still have surplus food to donate,** develop a partnership with a nearby nonprofit organization or for-profit company that can accept your food and serve it to people who need it most.
 - Call and meet with the organization or company in advance.
 - Determine the logistics (e.g. frequency of donation, pick-up/drop-off)
 - To find places that might accept your food visit:
 - <http://sustainableamerica.org/foodrescue/>
 - <http://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank/?referrer>
 - <http://ampleharvest.org/find-pantry/>
 - Perform an internet search in your area for "turnkey" food recovery companies. An example of such a private company is **: <https://www.gocopia.com/>
**** We do not specifically recommend any particular company or non-profit**

- 3. Understand and establish protocols to ensure food safety** (Note: many of these will already be known and in place if you are a permitted food facility)
 - Determine safe packaging, storage, and labeling requirements
 - Establish consistent pick-up/drop-off and transportation schedule
- 4. If you can't donate it, consider animal feed or composting.** You may also contact your waste hauler and ask if they offer organics recycling services.

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Ready to get started? Check out the Safe Surplus Food Donation Toolkit here **[INSERT LINK TO TOOLKIT ON EH WEBSITE]** for more guidance and tools.

For QUESTIONS and MORE INFORMATION:
[INSERT LOCAL EHD CONTACT INFORMATION]



DONATING SURPLUS FOOD

GUIDANCE FOR CALIFORNIA



PHASE II

Trainings with other sectors

- Spring 2019 – roll out trainings to other sectors
- Training will include key pieces of legislation – **AB2178** – and key components from 2018 trainings
- Other sectors include – healthcare institutions, universities & colleges, schools, retail (restaurants & grocers)



Continued Collaboration

- **Develop & disseminate informational materials in advance of AB 2178 implementation**
- **Examine role of local EH in implementing AB 1383 regulations**
- **Cross-sector partnerships**



Questions?

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