

Food Recovery Organizations and Services for Businesses



Overview

- This is a list of Food Recovery Services and Organizations **servicing the entire city as part of their collection service area.**
- Partnership agreements are needed for both one-time and recurring donations.
- Please contact the organizations to obtain the most current information. Some require a minimum quantity of donations to schedule a pick up.
- **It is strongly recommended to call ahead to arrange for a donation drop-off or pick-up.**

Types of Food Accepted Guide:



Shelf Stable, i.e. non-perishable: Products that can be safely stored at room temp.



Perishable food: Products that are likely to spoil or decay if not kept refrigerated at 41°F or below, such as meat, dairy, or vegetables.



Prepared foods: Products that were prepared hot but have been cooled to 41°F or below or frozen for safe distribution. Deli prepared foods are sandwiches, salads, etc. that are packaged to go.

If you are an individual seeking food assistance, please call 2-1-1 or visit 211sandiego.org to find food distributions near you.

Food Recovery Organizations Located in San Diego County

Organization Information	Types of Food Accepted		Types of Businesses Served	
Backpacks for Kids 715 Valley Ave, Solana Beach, CA 92075 Tel: (858) 232-1813 E: solanabeachbackpacks@icloud.com	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Schools	
Calvary Chapel Oceanside 3715 Oceanic Way, Oceanside, CA 92056 Tel: (760) 754-1234 x 239 E: isabel@calvaryoceanside.org, lindag@calvaryoceanside.org W: https://www.calvaryoceanside.org/	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets	
Feeding San Diego 9455 Waples St. #135 San Diego, CA 92121 Tel: (858) 452-3663 E: fooddonation@feedingsandiego.org W: https://feedingsandiego.org/	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Distributors Schools	Hospitals Restaurants Hotels Events
Note: Willing to accept non-food donations.				
Jacob Cushman San Diego Food Bank	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers	Hospitals Restaurants Hotels

<p>9850 Distribution Ave. San Diego, CA 92121 Tel: (858) 527-1419 E: donatefood@sandiegofoodbank.org W: https://sandiegofoodbank.org</p>	Meat & Dairy	Distributors Schools	Events
Note: Willing to accept non-food donations.			
<p>Life Investments 1855 First Avenue, Suite 103, San Diego, CA 92101 Tel: (619) 736-0529 E: info@lifesinvestments.org W: https://lifesinvestments.org</p>	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Restaurants Supermarkets Wholesalers Distributors Schools
Note: Willing to accept non-food donations.			
<p>Ministerio Tiempo Nuevo 8179 Broadway, Lemon Grove 91945 Tel: (619) 765-9454 E: mtnsandiego@gmail.com W: http://coastlinedreamcenter.org</p>	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Distributors Schools
<p>Produce Good 441 Saxony Rd, Encinitas 92024 Tel: (760) 492-3467 E: info@producegood.org W: https://www.producegood.org/</p>	Fresh Produce		Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers
Note: Willing to sort unsellable produce to recover what is edible.			
<p>Senior Gleaners of San Diego County PO Box 600521 San Diego, CA 92160 Tel: (858) 527-1419 E: info@seniorgleanerssdco.org W: https://seniorgleanerssdco.org</p>	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets

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<p>Careit 110 Somerville Ave Suite 154 Chattanooga, TN 37405 Tel: 1-833-366-3365 E: hello@careit.com W: https://careit.com/</p>	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Distributors Schools	Hospitals Restaurants Hotels Events

Note: Free to businesses and food recovery partners. Paid service for Corporations.				
Chefs to End Hunger 13527 Orden Drive Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 E: info@chefsendhunger.org W: https://www.chefsendhunger.org/	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods		Restaurants Hospitals Food Service Providers	
Note: Must be using Vesta Food Service.				
Copia 1968 S. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach, CA 92651 Tel: (650) 695-0178 E: support@gocopia.com W: www.gocopia.com	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Distributors Schools	Hospitals Restaurants Hotels Events
Note: Paid Service.				
Food Donation Connection P.O. Box 22787 Knoxville, TN 37934 Tel: (800) 831-8161 E: ContactUs@foodtodonate.com W: https://www.foodtodonate.com/	Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Frozen Prepared Foods		Restaurants Food Service Providers Commercial Kitchens	
Note: Paid Service				

Will I Be Responsible If Someone Gets Sick from My Food Donation?

These Federal and State laws protect your business from liability when donating food as long as the food was handled safely before donation:

- The [Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act](#).
 - The [2023 Food Donation Improvement Act](#) expands these protections.
- The [California Good Samaritan Food Donation Act](#).
- The [California Health and Safety Code, Section 114433](#).
- The [California Food and Agricultural Code, section 58505](#).

Last updated **6/26/2025** | Please note: **The City of Del Mar does not endorse any organization.**

