

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 Vista

Organization Information	Types of Food Accepted		Types of Businesses Served
Food for Life 1130 N Melrose Dr. Vista, CA 92083 Tel: (760) 439-3300 E: foodforlife@lccmail.com W: https://lifechristianchurch.com/	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers
Gleaning Field Foundation 718 Sycamore Ave Vista, CA 92083 Tel: (760) 945-1003 E: gleaningfieldf@yahoo.com	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Schools Food Service Providers
Grace Presbyterian 1450 E Vista Way, Vista, CA 92084 Tel: (760) 724-0077 E: aspdirector@gpcvista.org W: https://www.gpcvista.org/	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Restaurants
North County Lifeline 200 Michigan Ave, Vista, CA 92084 Tel: (760) 726-4900 E: amelo@nclifeline.org	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets

Vista Teen Outreach 1148 N Melrose Dr. Vista, CA 92083 Tel: (209) 324-5072 E: beckwock@aol.com	Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Beverages	Grocery Stores Supermarkets
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Food Recovery Organizations Located in San Diego County

Organization Information	Types of Food Accepted		Types of Businesses Served	
Associated Students, Inc. of CSUSM 333 S Twin Oaks Valley Rd, Commons 104 San Marcos, CA 92096 Tel: (760) 750-4990 E: cougarpantry@csusm.edu W: https://bit.ly/3ZtPrty	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Schools Food Service Providers	
Anita & Stan Maag Food & Nutrition Center (Palomar College) 1140 West Mission Road San Marcos, CA 92069 Tel: (760) 744-1150, ext. 3670 E: rmathieu@palomar.edu W: https://bit.ly/4k9bQVz	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Schools Wholesalers Restaurants Food Service Providers	
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 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 Bulk Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers	
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: <i>Willing to accept non-food donations.</i>				
Foundation Matthew 633 1800 N Broadway, Escondido, CA 92026	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable	Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets	

<p>Tel: (619) 253-9951 E: patricia.taylor@foundationmatthew633.org W: https://bit.ly/4kArau8</p>	<p>Baked Goods Meat & Dairy</p>			
<p>Hidden Glen Senior Living 612 Tranquility Glen, Escondido, CA 92027 Tel: (760) 743-8843 E: Inquiry@HiddenGlenn.org W: https://hiddenglenn.org/</p>	<p>Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy</p>	<p>Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods Bulk Foods</p>	<p>Grocery Stores Supermarkets</p>	
<p>Jacob Cushman San Diego Food Bank 9850 Distribution Ave. San Diego, CA 92121 Tel: (858) 527-1419 E: donatefood@sandiegofoodbank.org W: https://sandiegofoodbank.org</p>	<p>Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy</p>	<p>Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods</p>	<p>Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Distributors Schools</p>	<p>Hospitals Restaurants Hotels Events</p>
<p>Note: <i>Willing to accept non-food donations.</i></p>				
<p>Ministerio Tiempo Nuevo 8179 Broadway, Lemon Grove, CA 91945 Tel: (619) 765-9454 E: mtnsandiego@gmail.com W: http://coastlinedreamcenter.org</p>	<p>Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy</p>	<p>Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods</p>	<p>Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Distributors Schools</p>	
<p>Mission San Luis Rey Parish 4070 Mission Avenue Oceanside, CA 92057 Tel: (760) 757-3250 E: office@sanluisreyparish.org W: https://sanluisreyparish.org/</p>	<p>Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy</p>	<p>Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods</p>	<p>Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers</p>	
<p>Produce Good 441 Saxony Rd, Encinitas, CA 92024 Tel: (760) 492-3467 E: info@producegood.org W: https://www.producegood.org/</p>	<p>Fresh Produce</p>		<p>Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers</p>	
<p>Note: <i>Willing to sort unsellable produce to recover what is edible.</i></p>				
<p>Salvation Army 3935 Lake Boulevard Oceanside, CA 92056 Tel: (760) 631-8212 ext. 201 E: Girannell.Perryman@usw.salvationarmy.org W: https://give.salvationarmyusa.org</p>	<p>Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy</p>	<p>Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods Bulk Foods</p>	<p>Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Restaurants</p>	

San Marcos Seventh Day Adventist 363 Woodland Pkwy, San Marcos, CA 92069 Tel: (760) 470-6966 E: oscarortega38@gmail.com W: https://sanmarcosda.com/	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods Bulk Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets
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	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets

Food Recovery Organizations - National Chains

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Careit 110 Somerville Ave Suite 154 Chattanooga, TN 37405 Tel: 1-833-366-3365 E: hello@careit.com W: https://careit.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: 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	Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Frozen Prepared Foods		Restaurants Food Service Providers Commercial Kitchens	

W: <https://www.foodtodonate.com/>

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](#).

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