



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 Poway

Organization Information	Types of Food Accepted		Types of Businesses Served
St. Michael's Catholic Church 15546 Pomerado Rd, Poway, CA 92064 Tel: (858) 605-0375 E: jgorman0@hotmail.com, stmikes@smpoway.org W: www.smpoway.org/	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods Bulk Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets
The Community Food Connection 14047 Twin Peaks Rd, Poway, CA 92064 Tel: (858) 487-4755 E: williamandkim@hotmail.com W: www.thecommunityfoodconnection.com	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods Bulk Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers
4 Community Care (Uncommon Good Church) 14781 Pomerado Rd, #211, Poway, CA 92064 E: 4communitycare@gmail.com W: www.uncommongoodsd.com/	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods Bulk Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets

Food Recovery Organizations Located in San Diego County

Organization Information	Types of Food Accepted		Types of Businesses Served	
<p>AVID Behavioral Day Program 562 W Grand Ave, Escondido, CA 92025 Tel: (760) 498-4931 E: Imaharaj@avidbdp.org, smarcelin@avidbdp.org W: www.avidbdp.org/</p>	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods Bulk Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets	
<p>Backpacks for Kids 715 Valley Ave, Solana Beach, CA 92075 Tel: (858) 232-1813 E: solanabeachbackpacks@icloud.com</p>	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Schools	
<p>Feeding San Diego 9455 Waples St. #135 San Diego, CA 92121 Tel: (858) 452-3663 E: fooddonation@feedingsandiego.org W: https://feedingsandiego.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	Hospitals Restaurants Hotels Events
<p>Note: Willing to accept non-food donations.</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>	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
<p>Note: Willing to accept non-food donations.</p>				
<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>	<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</p>
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Food Recovery Organizations - National Chains

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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>	<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>

Note: Free to businesses and food recovery partners. Paid service for Corporations.

<p>Chefs to End Hunger 13527 Orden Drive Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 E: info@chefsendhunger.org W: https://www.chefsendhunger.org/</p>	<p>Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods</p>		<p>Restaurants Hospitals Food Service Providers</p>	
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Note: Must be using Vesta Food Service.

<p>Copia 1968 S. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach, CA 92651 Tel: (650) 695-0178 E: support@gocopia.com W: www.gocopia.com</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>
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Note: Paid Service.

<p>Food Donation Connection P.O. Box 22787 Knoxville, TN 37934 Tel: (800) 831-8161 E: ContactUs@foodtodonate.com W: https://www.foodtodonate.com/</p>	<p>Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Frozen Prepared Foods</p>		<p>Restaurants Food Service Providers Commercial Kitchens</p>	
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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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