



NEVADA COUNTY
CALIFORNIA



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Training: Edible Food Recovery



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AGENDA

1. Purpose
2. Edible Food Recovery Program
3. How to Comply

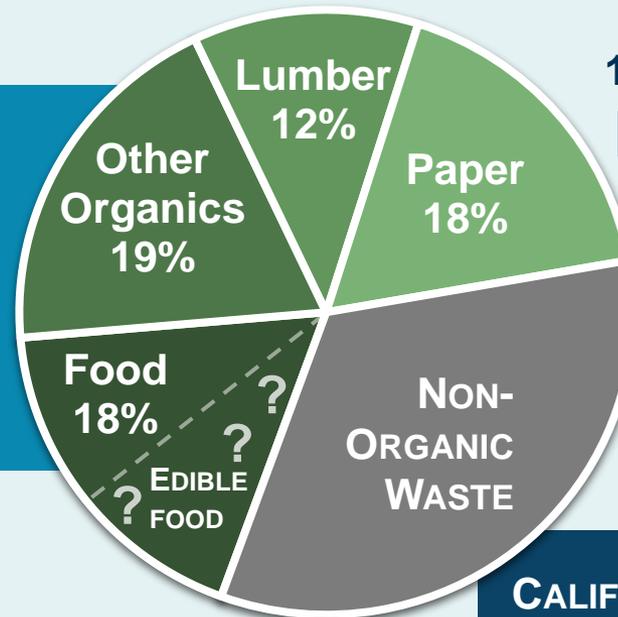


PURPOSE

ORGANIC WASTE IS THE LARGEST WASTE STREAM IN CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA GENERATES
APPROXIMATELY
20-23 MILLION TONS
OF ORGANIC WASTE EVERY YEAR

*THAT'S TWO-THIRDS OF
OUR WASTE STREAM!*

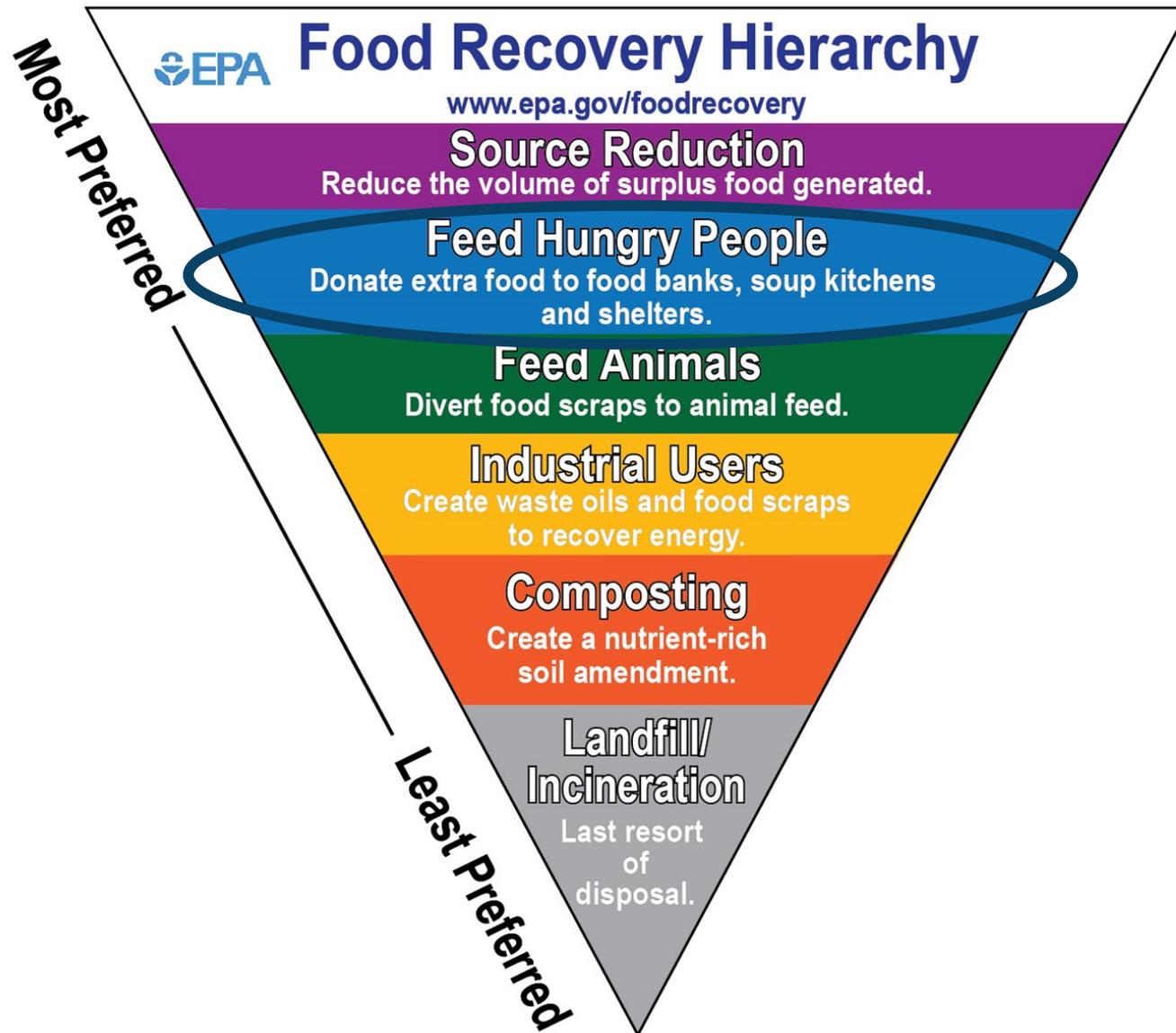


1 IN 5 CALIFORNIANS ARE
FOOD INSECURE



CALIFORNIANS THROWS AWAY
5.6 MILLION TONS
OF FOOD WASTE EVERY YEAR!





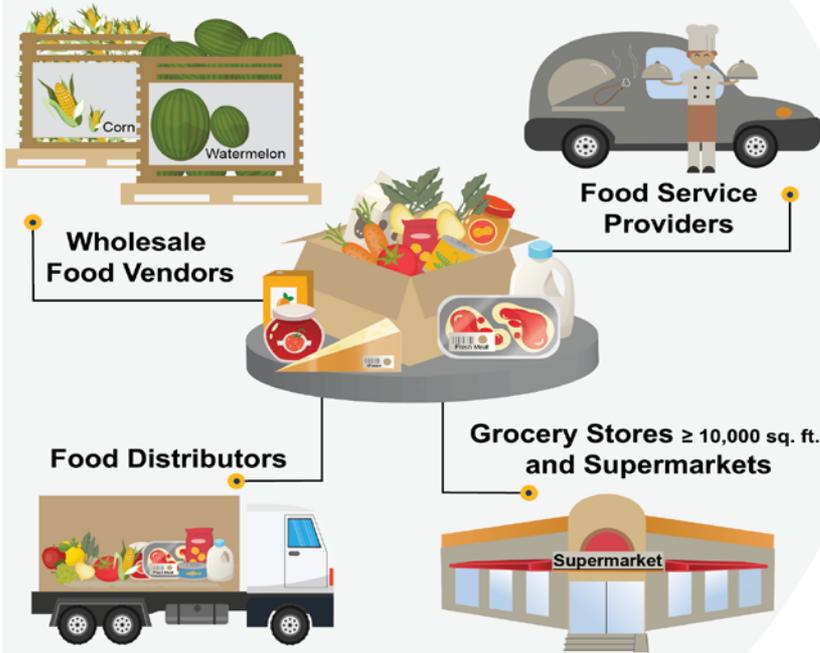
EDIBLE FOOD RECOVERY PROGRAM

WHO IS COVERED?

TIER ONE GENERATORS

January 1, 2022

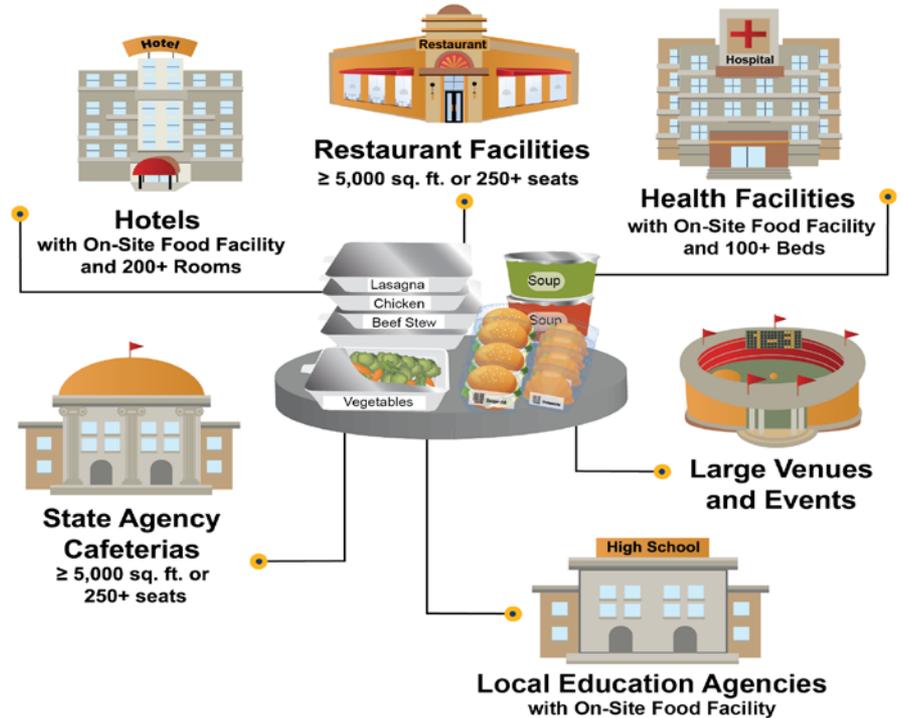
Tier one businesses typically have more produce, fresh grocery, and shelf-stable foods to donate.



TIER TWO GENERATORS

January 1, 2024

Tier two businesses typically have more prepared foods to donate, which often require more careful handling to meet food safety requirements (e.g. time and temperature controls).





➤ Surplus Food Reduction

- Perform a Waste Audit
- Clarify date labeling and date encoding to reduce confusion to customers
- Meet with staff to discuss food waste prevention
- Share practices!



*Visit the EPA's website
for more tips and
toolkits!*

<https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/tools-preventing-and-diverting-wasted-food>



➤ **What is Edible Food?**

- Intended for human consumption
- Meets California Retail Food Code



➤ **Edible Food is NOT:**

- In ripped, broken or bloated packaging
- Excessively bruised or squishy
- Moldy or spoiled
- Has unreadable dates



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Consider Needs of the donation recipient (e.g. Food Bank)**
 - Type and quantity of food
 - If you wouldn't eat it, do not donate it
 - Delivery or pick-up?
 - Nutritious foods preferred (fruits and vegetables)

- **Safety First!**
 - Follow all food safety requirements
 - Determine safe packaging, storage, and labeling requirements
 - Establish consistent pick-up/drop-off and transportation schedule



YOU ARE PROTECTED!

➤ **Liability Protection**

- Specific laws protect edible food donors:
 - The California Good Samaritan Food Donation Act (state)
 - The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act (National)



Visit the USDA's website for more information!

<https://www.usda.gov/media/blog/2020/08/13/good-samaritan-act-provides-liability-protection-food-donations>



HOW TO COMPLY

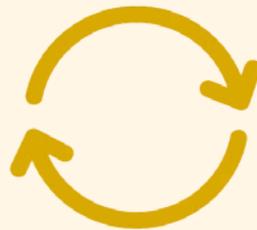


➤ Recover Maximum Amount of Edible Food that Would Otherwise be Disposed

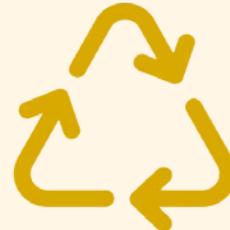
- May require contracts or agreements with multiple food recovery organization
- Do not intentionally spoil edible food
- Weigh and record



REDUCE



REDIRECT



REPURPOSE





Arrange Through a **Contract or Written Agreement** with:



Food recovery organizations or services that will **collect** edible food for food recovery



Food recovery organizations that will accept food that the generator **delivers**



Visit the County's Website for a List of Food Banks!

<https://www.nevadacountyca.gov/faq.aspx?qid=1030>





Maintain Records

- List of each food recovery organization or service that collects or receives the generator's food
- Copies of contracts and written agreements
- List the following information for each organization or service:
 - Name, address, and contact information
 - Types of food collected or self-hauled
 - Established frequency of food collected or self-hauled
 - Quantity of food recovered (pounds per month)





QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

GOOGLE	<i>"Nevada County Edible Food"</i>
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