

DONATIONS ARE LEGALLY PROTECTED

Food donations are legally protected and supported by the California Department of Public Health. The California Good Samaritan Food Donation Act (AB 1219) provides liability protections for entities that make good faith donations of surplus food. The federal Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act also protects businesses from civil and criminal liability, should donated products cause any harm to the recipient. For further information, please contact an Athens Services food recovery partner or your county's Department of Public Health.

FOOD DATE LABELS



Confusion over date labels contributes to **20%** of wasted food.

Food date labels generally indicate quality, not safety. The California Good Samaritan Law explicitly states that donation of past-date food is subject to liability protection. There is no federal food date labeling law. **Your food recovery partner will work with you to decipher when food can and cannot be donated.**



HOW TO DONATE

Four Easy Steps:

- 1. Set Up Your Program:** Contact one of Athens' food recovery partners or call your Athens Services representative for more information.
- 2. Sort & Save:** Collect edible food per your food recovery partnership agreement.
- 3. Call:** Arrange pickup from your food recovery partner.
- 4. Repeat!**

TIPS & RESOURCES

- ✓ Track food and set a surplus reduction goal.
- ✓ Select in advance an Athens food recovery partner.
- ✓ Create a food recovery plan with your food recovery partner (including acceptable food, schedule and collection logistics).
- ✓ Avoid last-minute donations, if possible.
- ✓ Check out Athens' additional resources LA.AthensServices.com/reuse.
- ✓ Contact Athens with questions. Call (888)336-6100 or visit AthensServices.com

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