

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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YOUR BUSINESS AND FOOD DONATION



FOOD INSECURITY & WASTE

FEED PEOPLE, NOT LANDFILLS

The World Food Summit defines food security as existing “when all people, at all times, have access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food to maintain a healthy and active life.”



Up to **40%** of food in the **United States** goes **uneaten**. (USDA)

Meanwhile,



1 in 8 Americans struggle with **food insecurity**, not knowing from where their next meal will come. (Feeding America)



DONATION BENEFITS

- Receive tax incentives. Speak to your financial advisor and food recovery partner about potential tax benefits and savings.
- Help others maintain a healthy and active life by minimizing food insecurity.
- Decrease your organics disposal needs.
- Support local and state waste mandates.
- Reduce food waste to landfill and lessen negative environmental impacts.

WHAT CAN BE DONATED?

Acceptable items may vary among food recovery organizations. Permitted food service establishments, processors, and distributors may donate* the following to nonprofits and directly to individuals:

- Whole produce and baked goods
- Prepackaged food
- Expired prepackaged food
- Food prepared by a permitted food facility

* Foods previously served to a consumer generally cannot be donated.



Annually, food accounts for over **18%** (or 6 million tons) of waste in California landfills, contributing to the state's 2nd largest source of human-related methane emissions (a greenhouse gas). (CalRecycle)



4.8 MILLION

Californians are food insecure
(L.A. County Department of Public Health)

Your food donation participation supports the local community.

ORGANICS LEGISLATION

AB 1826 - Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling Law requires businesses that create 4 or more cubic yards per week of municipal solid waste to implement organics waste recycling (including landscape waste and food waste).

SB 1383 - Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Law targets reduction of methane emissions from landfills by requiring a 50% reduction of statewide disposal of organics waste (from 2014 level) by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025. It establishes an additional target that 20% of currently disposed edible food is recovered for human consumption by 2025.

FOOD RECOVERY PARTNERS

Food recovery organizations arrange the collection of donated food from your place of business and deliver to nonprofit recipients like shelters, food kitchens, pantries, and missions.

Athens Services has partnered with experienced food recovery organizations to assist your business with its food donation setup, needs, and concerns. Prior to donating, please be sure to arrange an initial meeting to discuss partnership logistics.

To view a list of partners go to:
<http://LA.AthensServices.com/reuse>

44%

of L.A. County's food insecure population live in Los Angeles.
(L.A. County Department of Public Health)

In Los Angeles County, **1.68 MILLION** people have limited access to food.

It's the largest estimated food-insecure population in the **United States**. (L.A. County Department of Public Health)