

Solid Waste Requirements for Events in the City of Long Beach



Why Divert Waste at Your Event?

State law AB2176 requires events with 2,000 or more attendees (including staff) to have a **waste reduction plan** and report their progress back to the City. Recycling and organics diversion is required as part of this plan. **SB1383** requires events to arrange to recover all surplus edible food that would have otherwise been thrown away.

How to Comply With Solid Waste Laws at Your Next Event

Step 1: Choose a Waste Hauler

- Choose from our list of permitted haulers to collect the waste from your event.
- Events are required to divert recyclables, organic waste, and any C&D from the trash.

Step 2: Plan to Divert Waste

- While planning the event layout, work with your hauler to set up a 3-bin collection system for trash, recyclables, and food scraps collection with clear labels and signage.

Step 3: Plan for Food Recovery Logistics

- SB1383 requires large events to donate all surplus edible food that would have otherwise been thrown away, arranged through a contract or written agreement with a food recovery organization.
- *Go to longbeach.gov/donatefood for more info.*

Step 4: Submit the Pre-Event Form

- Submit to eventrecycles@longbeach.gov at least 30 days before the event.

Step 5: Ensure all vendors comply with Municipal Code Chapter 8.63

- No polystyrene (Styrofoam™) food ware
- Straws and utensils only given upon request
- Straws must not be made of plastic or bioplastic
- *Go to longbeach.gov/FFLB for more info.*

Step 6: Submit Post-Event Form

- Complete and submit within 2 weeks after the event to eventrecycles@longbeach.gov.



Permitted Waste Haulers in the City of Long Beach:

Athens Services

- (888) 336-6100

CR&R, Inc.

- (800) 826-9677

EDCO Waste Services

- (310) 540-2977

Haul Away Rubbish

- (323) 721-0371

Republic Services

- (800) 299-4898
- (562) 254-6142

Serv-Wel Disposal

- (323) 726-4056

Universal Waste Systems

- (800) 631-7016

Waste Management

- (800) 774-0222
- (323) 210-3032

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Pre-Event Form

FORM 1 of 2



Submit form to eventrecycles@longbeach.gov 30 days prior to event.

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Contact/Event Information

Name of event: _____ Event date(s): _____
Estimated # of attendees (including staff) _____ Event location: _____
Contact name: _____ Phone: _____
Company Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Solid Waste (Trash/Recycling/Organics) Services

Name of permitted waste hauler: _____ Agreement/Invoice Number: _____
Recycling: _____ Size: _____ Quantity: _____
C&D Recycling: _____ Size: _____ Quantity: _____
Organics: _____ Size: _____ Quantity: _____
Trash: _____ Size: _____ Quantity: _____

Will recycling, organics, and trash be collected separately? Yes No

If no, explain how material will be collected for diversion: _____

Will the bins be placed together for attendees (3-stream and/or paired bin system)? Yes No

Will custodial staff servicing bins be contracted out? Yes No If yes, Company: _____

Compliance with Municipal Code 8.63

By checking this box, I understand and acknowledge that my event must be in compliance with Chapter 8.63, which prohibits the use and sale of Expanded Polystyrene Foam (Styrofoam™) and Rigid Polystyrene Plastic #6 in the City of Long Beach, including special events. Additionally, all food vendors are required to only offer straws and utensils upon request and straws must not be made from Plastic or Bioplastic. (To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, a Plastic Beverage Straw may be given upon request to individuals with disabilities). More information can be found at longbeach.gov/FFLB.

SB 1383 Requirement: Edible Food Recovery of Surplus Food

See attached for a list of Food Rescue Organizations with capacity to receive donations from your event.

1. Name of Food Recovery Org(s) contracted to recover surplus edible food: _____
2. Dates and times of planned food donation pick up or drop off: _____
3. Types of surplus food expected (ex: pizza, bread, fruit): _____
4. Types of food vendors (ex: trucks, booths, catering): _____
5. If event expects there will not be any recoverable/donatable surplus food, provide justification: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Post-Event Form

FORM 2 of 2



Submit form to eventrecycles@longbeach.gov within two weeks after event.

Submission of this form is required to document waste diversion and food recovery after your event. Failure to submit this information shall be grounds for denial of future permits.

Contact/Event Information

Name of event: _____ Event date(s): _____
of attendees (including staff) _____ Contact name: _____
E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

AB 2176 Solid Waste (Trash/Recycling/Organics) Services

Provide weights collected below as well as weight tickets from your hauler.

- Total recycled: _____ Total organics (compost/AD): _____
- Total landfilled: _____ Total Construction & Demolition: _____
- Total disposed using another disposal method: _____
 - Please explain: _____
- TOTAL COLLECTED: _____

SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery

Provide information on surplus food donation.

- Name of food recovery organization(s) [FRO]: _____
- Types of food donated: _____
- Pounds of food donated: _____
- If no food was donated to a FRO, explain why: _____

Other Waste Diversion Efforts

Please check the box for each waste diversion action taken by your event and answer corresponding questions.

- Material Donation (Include types of items donated, amount, and receiving organization): _____
- Describe use of reusables (ex: refill stations, cups, utensils, etc.): _____
- Describe any other waste diversion efforts: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Requirements at Large Events



Senate Bill (SB) 1383 and Large Events

All events in California with 2000+ attendees/day are required to donate edible food that would have otherwise been disposed. **It is the event organizer's responsibility to ensure that the maximum amount of edible food is recovered (i.e. donated instead of thrown away) by food facilities and food vendors at their event.**

"Edible food" means food intended for people to eat but not sold because of surplus, appearance, age, grade, freshness, etc. It includes prepared food, packaged food, and produce.

Why Donate Food?

Recovering food at your event allows the event to be in compliance with state law SB 1383, help feed communities in need, receive tax deductions through donations, and avoid financial penalties for noncompliance.



SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Requirements at Your Event

1. Donate the maximum amount of edible food that would otherwise be disposed at the event.
 - Arrange donation through a written agreement with a **food recovery organization or service (FRO)**.
 - Arrange for food facilities and food vendors operating at the event to donate their surplus recoverable food.
2. Maintain the following **SB 1383 food recovery records**: A list of each FRO that receives food donations from your event, a copy of the contract or written agreement with each FRO, the dates and times that food was collected or self-hauled, and the quantity of food donated in pounds per event.

Local FROs to Partner With To Recover Food At Your Event

The following organizations have experience rescuing food from events like yours. Please contact them before your event to coordinate availability, the types of food they accept, and transportation logistics.

<p>Noel Community Organization 141 W. Victoria St., Long Beach (562) 335-1330 noelcommunityorganization.org</p>	<p>Salvation Army - ARC 1370 Alamitos Ave, Long Beach (562) 218-2355 longbeacharc.salvationarmy.org</p>	<p>Christian Outreach in Action 515 E. 3rd St., Long Beach, CA 90802 (562) 432-1440 coalongbeach.org</p>
<p>Food Finders 10539 Humboldt St., Los Alamitos (562) 283-1400 x105 foodfinders.org</p>	<p>FoodCycle LA Submit this form or email help@foodcyclela.org (323) 894-4010 foodcyclela.org</p>	<p>Catholic Charities 123 E. 14th St., Long Beach LB Service Center (213) 251-3432 catholiccharitiesla.org</p>

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Steps to Recover Food at Your Event and Comply with SB 1383

1. Well before your event date, contact the FRO of your choice (see list on page 1).
 - **Confirm the types of food the FRO accepts, the types and volume of food you expect to have for donation, and arrange the date and times for donation drop-offs or pick-ups.**
 - Mutually **sign a written agreement or contract.** [Template](#) is available at longbeach.gov/donatefood.
 - Submit the food donation information requested in the **Pre-Event Form**.
2. Work with the FRO and food vendors to set up a **food recovery plan** that facilitates safe redistribution.
 - Include a food recovery clause in vendor contracts such as, "In accordance with California state law SB 1383, any vendor selling or providing food at the event is prohibited from throwing away edible food and must instead donate any surplus recoverable food. The event operator will provide guidance on how vendors can participate in the food recovery mandate during the event."
 - Establish a staging area for vendors that can include labels (to indicate date and contents), food-safe containers and transport bags, refrigerated and shelf-stable storage space, and a scale for tracking weights.
3. Before and during the event, **share event-specific information with food vendors on how to participate in the food recovery mandate.**
4. Collect SB 1383 records from all food donation at the event, including from vendors.
 - Use CalRecycle's recordkeeping tool.
 - Prepare for inspection by having the records available at the event.
5. After the event, submit the food donation info requested in the **Post-Event Form** and retain the records.

Additional Considerations

- Events are subject to inspection for compliance with the food recovery requirements beginning 1/1/24.
- **What about food safety?** Donated food must meet food safety requirements of the California Retail Food Code (CalCode). For guidance, check out the [California Safe Surplus Food Donation Guide](#).
- **Worried about liability?** The California Good Samaritan Food Donation Act and the federal Bill Emerson Food Donation Act protect donors from civil and criminal liability so long as the food was donated in good faith and fit for human consumption. Businesses, persons, and nonprofits are all covered.
- **Looking to reduce food waste at your event?**
 - Ask vendors to consider cutting prices on unsold food at the end of the day.
 - Treat staff to leftovers.
 - Publicize your efforts through signage or by hosting a waste-cutting challenge for attendees.
 - Proper food storage keeps food fresh longer.

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