



CITY OF SAN DIMAS

Food Recovery Organizations and Services FAQ's

California SB 1383



Q: What is the difference between a Food Recovery Organization (FRO) and Food Recovery Services (FRS)?

A: FRO is an entity that engages in the collection and distribution of edible food from commercial food generators. A FRS, is a person or entity that collects and transports edible food from a commercial food generator to a FRO or other entities for food recovery. An entity can be both a FRO and FRS if they participate in both transportation and distribution of recovered food.

Q: Are FROs and FRSs required to enter contracts with Edible Food Generators (EFGs)?

A: No. It is at the discretion of the FRO or FRS to enter into a written agreement or contract with an EFG. However, if you do choose to enter a contract, you must comply with SB 1383 reporting requirements.

Q: Are FROs required to accept an EFGs edible food donations?

A: No, FRO and FRS are not required to accept a commercial food generator's edible food donations. Section 18990.2 (d) of the Short-lived Climate Pollutants (SLCP): Organic Waste Final Regulations specifies that, "Nothing in this chapter prohibits an edible food recovery service or organization from refusing to accept edible food from a generator."

Q: What are FROs required to record?

A: The name, address, and contact information for each commercial EFG that the organization receives edible food from; the quantity in pounds of edible food received directly from each commercial edible food generator per quarter; and the name, address, and contact information for each FRS that the organization receives edible food from.

Q: What are FROs required to report, and at what rate?

A: FRO's are required to report the total pounds and tonnage collected quarterly from the commercial food generators that they contract or have written agreements with. Please visit <https://sandimasca.gov> for more information.

Q: What are FRSs required to record?

A: The name, address, and contact information for each commercial EFG that the service collects edible food from; the quantity in pounds of edible food collected directly from each commercial EFG per quarter; the quantity in pounds of edible food transported to each food RFO per quarter; the name, address, and contact information for each FRO that the service transports edible food to.

Q: What are FRSs required to report, and at what rate?

A: FRSs are required to report the total pounds and tonnage collected quarterly from the commercial food generators that they contract or have written agreements with. Please visit <https://sandimasca.gov> for more information.

Q: Are FROs and FRSs required to report to multiple jurisdictions or only one?

A: Pursuant to 18991.3 (b) only FRO and FRS that contract or have written agreements with commercial EFG are required to report information to their corresponding jurisdiction. FRO or FRS are not required to report to multiple jurisdictions. If a FRO is recovering food in multiple jurisdictions, the FRO is only required to report to the jurisdiction that they are physically located in.

Q: What if double counting of pounds and tonnage occurs since FROs and FRSs are both reporting recovery numbers?

A: The SB 1383 regulations are structured to ensure that double counting of pounds and tonnage recovered will not occur. Double counting should not occur because FRO and FRS are only required to report the pounds and tonnage they collect or receive directly from commercial EFG. If a FRS collects food directly from a commercial EFG, then the FRO is responsible for maintaining a record of those pounds and tonnage collected and also reporting those pounds and tonnage to the jurisdiction in which the FRO physical resides. If a FRO receives food from FRS, the FRO is not responsible for reporting those pounds and tonnage of food to the jurisdiction because the food was not collected or received directly from a commercial food generator.

Q: Are FROs and FRSs required to report only the total pounds and tonnage collected from EFGs or from all food donors?

A: Any FRO or FRS that has a contract or written agreement with one or more commercial EFG is required to report the total pounds and tonnage of edible food that are collected or received directly from the commercial EFG. FRO and FRS are not required to report the pounds of edible food recovered from entities that are not commercial EFG, nor are they required to track or report residual food waste.

Q: Who would FRO and FRS contact for more information about organic waste?

Waste Management commercial customers may visit <https://www.wm.com/us/local/ca/sandimas/business> or contact Waste Management at (800) 266-7551.

City of San Dimas commercial customers may visit <https://sandimasca.gov> or contact Public Works at (909) 394-6240.

Please visit <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/faq/collections> for more information.



For more information about SB 1383 in your community, contact the City of San Dimas Public Works Department at (909) 394-6240 or <https://sandimasca.gov>.