

Food Recovery Organizations and Services for Businesses



Overview

- This is a list of Food Recovery Services and Organizations **servicing the entire city as part of their collection service area.**
- Partnership agreements are needed for both one-time and recurring donations.
- Please contact the organizations to obtain the most current information. Some require a minimum quantity of donations to schedule a pick up.
- **It is strongly recommended to call ahead to arrange for a donation drop-off or pick-up.**



Types of Food Accepted Guide:

Shelf Stable, i.e. non-perishable: Products that can be safely stored at room temp.



Perishable food: Products that are likely to spoil or decay if not kept refrigerated at 41°F or below, such as meat, dairy, or vegetables.



Prepared foods: Products that were prepared hot but have been cooled to 41°F or below or frozen for safe distribution. Deli prepared foods are sandwiches, salads, etc. that are packaged to go.

If you are an individual seeking food assistance, please call 2-1-1 or visit 211sandiego.org to find food distributions near you.

Food Recovery Organizations Located in Imperial Beach

Organization Information	Types of Food Accepted		Types of Businesses Served
Imperial Beach Neighborhood Community Center 633 9th St, Imperial Beach, CA 91932 Tel: (619) 622-1953 E: debrabenson1957@gmail.com W: https://ibneighbor.org/	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods Bulk Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets
Project 1:1 633 9th Street, Imperial Beach CA 91932 Tel: (619) 227-7222 E: projectoneone@yahoo.com W: https://www.projectoneone.org/	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods Bulk Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Restaurants Schools

Food Recovery Organizations **Located in San Diego County**

Organization Information	Types of Food Accepted		Types of Businesses Served	
Community Food Bank of National City 2605 Highland Ave National City, CA 91950 Tel: (619) 474-2834 E: robertavm2@gmail.com	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods Bulk Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers	
Feeding San Diego 9455 Waples St. #135 San Diego, CA 92121 Tel: (858) 452-3663 E: fooddonation@feedingsandiego.org W: https://feedingsandiego.org/	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Distributors Schools	Hospitals Restaurants Hotels Events
<i>Note: Willing to accept non-food donations.</i>				
Friendships for Hope 2811 Burden Way, National City, CA 91950 Tel: (619) 395-5087 E: willardjames1952@gmail.com W: https://www.friendshipsforhope.org/	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods Bulk Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers	
Jacob Cushman San Diego Food Bank 9850 Distribution Ave. San Diego, CA 92121 Tel: (858) 527-1419 E: donatefood@sandiegofoodbank.org W: https://sandiegofoodbank.org	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Distributors Schools	Hospitals Restaurants Hotels Events
<i>Note: Willing to accept non-food donations.</i>				
Ministerio Tiempo Nuevo 8179 Broadway, Lemon Grove 91945 Tel: (619) 765-9454 E: mtnsandiego@gmail.com W: http://coastlinedreamcenter.org	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Distributors Schools	
Produce Good 441 Saxony Rd, Encinitas 92024 Tel: (760) 492-3467 E: info@producegood.org W: https://www.producegood.org/	Fresh Produce		Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers	
<i>Note: Willing to sort unsellable produce to recover what is edible.</i>				

San Diego Rescue Mission (SDRM) P.O. Box 80427 San Diego, CA 92138 Tel: (619) 819-1793 E: zorellana@sdrescue.org W: www.sdrescue.org	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods Bulk Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Restaurants Schools
Note: Donation facility is located in National City. Please call ahead for donation drop-off or pick-up availability.			
Senior Gleaners of San Diego County PO Box 600521 San Diego, CA 92160 Tel: (858) 527-1419 E: info@seniorgleanerssdco.org W: https://seniorgleanerssdco.org	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers

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Careit 110 Somerville Ave Suite 154 Chattanooga, TN 37405 Tel: 1-833-366-3365 E: hello@careit.com W: https://careit.com/	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Distributors Schools	Hospitals Restaurants Hotels Events
Note: Free to businesses and food recovery partners. Paid service for Corporations.				
Chefs to End Hunger 13527 Orden Drive Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 E: info@chefsendhunger.org W: https://www.chefsendhunger.org/	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods		Restaurants Hospitals Food Service Providers	
Note: Must be using Vesta Food Service.				
Copia 1968 S. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach, CA 92651 Tel: (650) 695-0178 E: support@gocopia.com W: www.gocopia.com	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Distributors Schools	Hospitals Restaurants Hotels Events
Note: Paid Service.				
Food Donation Connection P.O. Box 22787	Shelf-Stable Baked Goods		Restaurants Food Service Providers	

Knoxville, TN 37934 Tel: (800) 831-8161 E: ContactUs@foodtodonate.com W: https://www.foodtodonate.com/	Frozen Prepared Foods	Commercial Kitchens
Note: Paid Service		

Will I Be Responsible If Someone Gets Sick from My Food Donation?

These Federal and State laws protect your business from liability when donating food as long as the food was handled safely before donation:

- The [Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act](#).
 - The [2023 Food Donation Improvement Act](#) expands these protections.
- The [California Good Samaritan Food Donation Act](#).
- The [California Health and Safety Code, Section 114433](#).
- The [California Food and Agricultural Code, section 58505](#).



Last updated 10/2/2025 | Please note: **The City of Imperial Beach does not endorse or vet any organizations listed above.**