

Food Recovery & Your Business



Food Finders is a non-profit food rescue organization, with the mission of eliminating hunger and food waste while improving nutrition in food insecure communities.

Since 1989, we have redistributed **more than 170 million pounds** of donated, wholesome food that would otherwise have ended up in our landfills.

How our Food Rescue Program works:

Food Finders coordinates the pick up of your donated food, then delivers it to a nearby shelter, pantry or mission same-day. Volunteers or staff drivers ensure the timing so it coincides with the agency's next meal service or pantry distribution. We provide containers or food storage items when needed.

Benefits include:

- Reduced waste & reduced disposal fees
- Compliance with local mandates on organic waste
- Tax deduction as determined by your accountant
- Most importantly, reduced hunger in your immediate community!

Liability and Your Donation

As a business donating food, liability is not an issue if you follow normal food safety regulations and donate to a nonprofit. The following excerpts from California Health Code explain:

Article 7. Food Facility Food Donations

114432. Any food facility may donate food to a food bank or to any other nonprofit charitable organization for distribution to persons free of charge.

114433. No food facility that donates food as permitted by Section 114432, shall be subject to civil or criminal liability or penalty for violation of any laws, regulations, or ordinances regulating the labeling or packaging of the donated product or, with respect to any other laws, regulations, or ordinances, for a violation occurring after the time of the donation.

In addition, the The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act, passed in 1986 **protects good faith food donors from civil and criminal liability**, should the product later cause harm to its recipient. The Emerson Act gives uniform federal protection to donors who may cross state lines.

