

# 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:** A.k.a non-perishable means that the product can be safely stored at room temp.



**Perishable food:** The product is 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](http://211sandiego.org) to find food distributions near you.

## Food Recovery Organizations Located in Escondido

Organization Information	Types of Food Accepted		Types of Businesses Served
<b>AVID Behavioral Day Program</b> 562 W Grand Ave, Escondido, CA 92025 <b>Tel:</b> (760) 498-4931, (760) 691-9622 <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:lmaharaj@avidbdp.org">lmaharaj@avidbdp.org</a> <b>W:</b> <a href="https://avidbdp.org/">https://avidbdp.org/</a>	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods Bulk Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets
<b>CRF North Start/Esperanza</b> 490 N Grape Street Escondido, CA 92025 <b>Tel:</b> (760) 975-9939 x 207 <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:avillavicencio@comresearch.org">avillavicencio@comresearch.org</a> <b>W:</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/4dB1Sda">http://bit.ly/4dB1Sda</a>	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods Bulk Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets
<b>Foundation Matthew 633</b> 1800 N Broadway, Escondido, CA 92026 <b>Tel:</b> (619) 253-9951 <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:patricia.taylor@foundationmatthew633.org">patricia.taylor@foundationmatthew633.org</a> <b>W:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/4kArau8">https://bit.ly/4kArau8</a>	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets

<p><b>Foundry Food Pantry</b>  120 North Ash Street, Escondido, CA 92027  <b>Tel:</b> (760) 294-4704, (442) 777-2081  <b>E:</b> admin@thefoundryescondido.com, finance@thefoundryescondido.com  <b>W:</b>  <a href="https://thefoundryescondido.com/home">https://thefoundryescondido.com/home</a></p>	<p>Fresh Produce  Shelf-Stable  Baked Goods  Meat &amp; Dairy</p>	<p>Deli Prepared Foods  Cold Prepared Foods  Frozen Prepared Foods  Bulk Foods</p>	<p>Grocery Stores  Supermarkets  Wholesalers</p>
<p><b>Hidden Glen Senior Living</b>  612 Tranquility Glen, Escondido, CA 92027  <b>Tel:</b> (760) 743-8843  <b>E:</b> Inquiry@HiddenGlenn.org  <b>W:</b> <a href="https://hiddenglenn.org/">https://hiddenglenn.org/</a></p>	<p>Fresh Produce  Shelf-Stable  Baked Goods  Meat &amp; Dairy</p>	<p>Deli Prepared Foods  Cold Prepared Foods  Frozen Prepared Foods  Bulk Foods</p>	<p>Grocery Stores  Supermarkets</p>
<p><b>Interfaith</b>  550 W Washington Ave. Suite B, Escondido, CA 92025  <b>Tel:</b> (760) 489-6380  <b>E:</b> donations@interfaithservices.org  <b>W:</b>  <a href="https://interfaithservices.org/services/basic-needs/">https://interfaithservices.org/services/basic-needs/</a></p>	<p>Fresh Produce  Shelf-Stable  Baked Goods  Meat &amp; Dairy</p>	<p>Frozen Prepared Foods</p>	<p>Grocery Stores  Supermarkets  Schools</p>
<p><b>Note:</b> <i>This organization is currently at capacity and not accepting donations.</i></p>			
<p><b>New Hope Community Church</b>  2525 East Valley Parkway, Escondido, CA 92027  <b>Tel:</b> (760) 532-3165  <b>E:</b> matt@newhopeescondido.org  <b>W:</b> <a href="https://newhopeescondido.com/">https://newhopeescondido.com/</a></p>	<p>Fresh Produce  Shelf-Stable  Baked Goods  Meat &amp; Dairy</p>	<p>Deli Prepared Foods  Cold Prepared Foods  Frozen Prepared Foods  Bulk Foods</p>	<p>Grocery Stores  Supermarkets</p>
<p><b>Note:</b> <i>Available to receive donations from Tuesday-Thursday. Distribution on Fridays.</i></p>			
<p><b>RAW Ruth Anointed World</b>  2081 Bear Valley Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92027  <b>Tel:</b> (760) 884-9600, (760) 580-0835  <b>E:</b> LOVERAWM@gmail.com  <b>W:</b>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/RAWMINISTRY/">https://www.facebook.com/RAWMINISTRY/</a></p>	<p>Fresh Produce  Shelf-Stable  Baked Goods  Meat &amp; Dairy</p>	<p>Deli Prepared Foods  Cold Prepared Foods  Frozen Prepared Foods  Bulk Foods</p>	<p>Grocery Stores  Supermarkets</p>
<p><b>Salvation Army</b>  1301 Las Villas Way, Escondido, California 92026  <b>Tel:</b> (760) 745-8616  <b>E:</b> mark.litreal@usw.salvationarmy.org, Denise.Litreal@usw.salvationarmy.org, Ester.Perez@usw.salvationarmy.org</p>	<p>Fresh Produce  Shelf-Stable  Baked Goods  Meat &amp; Dairy</p>	<p>Deli Prepared Foods  Cold Prepared Foods  Frozen Prepared Foods  Bulk Foods</p>	<p>Grocery Stores  Supermarkets</p>

**Note:** Donations are accepted on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the organization prior to donating.

<p><b>The Fellowship Center</b>          737 E Grand Ave, Escondido, CA 92025  <b>Tel:</b> (760) 745-8478 x 303  <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:erc@thefellowshipcenter.org">erc@thefellowshipcenter.org</a>  <b>W:</b> <a href="https://thefellowshipcenter.org/">https://thefellowshipcenter.org/</a></p>	<p>Fresh Produce          Shelf-Stable          Baked Goods          Meat &amp; Dairy</p>	<p>Deli Prepared Foods          Cold Prepared Foods          Frozen Prepared Foods          Bulk Foods</p>	<p>Grocery Stores          Supermarkets</p>
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## Food Recovery Organizations Located in San Diego County

Organization Information	Types of Food Accepted		Types of Businesses Served	
<p><b>Associated Students, Inc. of CSUSM</b>            333 S Twin Oaks Valley Rd, Commons 104            San Marcos, CA 92096  <b>Tel:</b> (760) 750-4990  <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:algutierrez@csusm.edu">algutierrez@csusm.edu</a>  <b>W:</b> <a href="https://www.csusm.edu/asi/pantry/index.html">https://www.csusm.edu/asi/pantry/index.html</a></p>	<p>Fresh Produce            Shelf-Stable            Baked Goods            Meat &amp; Dairy</p>	<p>Deli Prepared Foods</p>	<p>Grocery Stores            Supermarkets            Wholesalers            Schools            Food Service Providers</p>	
<p><b>Note:</b> <i>Pantry only open to students.</i></p>				
<p><b>Backpacks for Kids</b>            715 Valley Ave, Solana Beach, CA 92075  <b>Tel:</b> (858) 232-1813  <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:solanabeachbackpacks@icloud.com">solanabeachbackpacks@icloud.com</a></p>	<p>Fresh Produce            Shelf-Stable            Baked Goods            Meat &amp; Dairy</p>	<p>Deli Prepared Foods            Cold Prepared Foods            Frozen Prepared Foods</p>	<p>Grocery Stores            Supermarkets            Schools</p>	
<p><b>Feeding San Diego</b>            9455 Waples St. #135 San Diego, CA 92121  <b>Tel:</b> (858) 452-3663  <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:fooddonation@feedingsandiego.org">fooddonation@feedingsandiego.org</a>  <b>W:</b> <a href="https://feedingsandiego.org/">https://feedingsandiego.org/</a></p>	<p>Fresh Produce            Shelf-Stable            Baked Goods            Meat &amp; Dairy</p>	<p>Deli Prepared Foods            Cold Prepared Foods            Frozen Prepared Foods</p>	<p>Grocery Stores            Supermarkets            Wholesalers            Distributors            Schools</p>	<p>Hospitals            Restaurants            Hotels            Events</p>
<p><b>Note:</b> <i>Willing to accept non-food donations.</i></p>				
<p><b>Jacob Cushman San Diego Food Bank</b>            9850 Distribution Ave. San Diego, CA 92121  <b>Tel:</b> (858) 527-1419  <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:donatefood@sandiegofoodbank.org">donatefood@sandiegofoodbank.org</a></p>	<p>Fresh Produce            Shelf-Stable            Baked Goods            Meat &amp; Dairy</p>	<p>Deli Prepared Foods            Cold Prepared Foods            Frozen Prepared Foods</p>	<p>Grocery Stores            Supermarkets            Wholesalers            Distributors            Schools</p>	<p>Hospitals            Restaurants            Hotels            Events</p>

<b>W:</b> <a href="https://sandiegofoodbank.org">https://sandiegofoodbank.org</a>			
<b>Note:</b> <i>Willing to accept non-food donations.</i>			
<b>Life Investments</b> 1855 First Avenue, Suite 103, San Diego, CA 92101 <b>Tel:</b> (619) 736-0529 <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:info@lifesinvestments.org">info@lifesinvestments.org</a> <b>W:</b> <a href="https://lifesinvestments.org">https://lifesinvestments.org</a>	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Distributors Schools Restaurants
<b>Note:</b> <i>Willing to accept non-food donations.</i>			
<b>Ministerio Tiempo Nuevo</b> 8179 Broadway, Lemon Grove 91945 <b>Tel:</b> (619) 765-9454 <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:mtnsandiego@gmail.com">mtnsandiego@gmail.com</a> <b>W:</b> <a href="http://coastlinedreamcenter.org">http://coastlinedreamcenter.org</a>	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets Wholesalers Distributors Schools
<b>San Marcos Seventh Day Adventist</b> 363 Woodland Pkwy, San Marcos, CA 92069 <b>Tel:</b> (760) 470-6966 <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:oscarortega38@gmail.com">oscarortega38@gmail.com</a> <b>W:</b> <a href="https://sanmarcossda.com/">https://sanmarcossda.com/</a>	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods Bulk Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets
<b>Senior Gleaners of San Diego County</b> PO Box 600521 San Diego, CA 92160 <b>Tel:</b> (858) 527-1419 <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:info@seniorgleanerssdco.org">info@seniorgleanerssdco.org</a> <b>W:</b> <a href="https://seniorgleanerssdco.org">https://seniorgleanerssdco.org</a>	Fresh Produce Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Meat & Dairy	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Grocery Stores Supermarkets

## Food Recovery Organizations - National Chains

Organization Information	Types of Food Accepted		Types of Businesses Served	
<b>Careit</b> 110 Somerville Ave Suite 154 Chattanooga, TN 37405 <b>Tel:</b> 1-833-366-3365 <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:hello@careit.com">hello@careit.com</a> <b>W:</b> <a href="https://careit.com/">https://careit.com/</a>	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
<b>Note:</b> <i>Free to businesses and food recovery partners. Paid service for Corporations.</i>				

<b>Chefs to End Hunger</b> 13527 Orden Drive Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 <b>E:</b> info@chefsendhunger.org <b>W:</b> https://www.chefsendhunger.org/	Deli Prepared Foods Cold Prepared Foods Frozen Prepared Foods	Restaurants Hospitals Food Service Providers	
<b>Note:</b> Must be using Vesta Food Service.			
<b>Copia</b> 1968 S. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach, CA 92651 <b>Tel:</b> (650) 695-0178 <b>E:</b> support@gocopia.com <b>W:</b> 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
<b>Note:</b> Paid Service.			
<b>Food Donation Connection</b> P.O. Box 22787 Knoxville, TN 37934 <b>Tel:</b> (800) 831-8161 <b>E:</b> ContactUs@foodtodonate.com <b>W:</b> https://www.foodtodonate.com/	Shelf-Stable Baked Goods Frozen Prepared Foods	Restaurants Food Service Providers Commercial Kitchens	
<b>Note:</b> 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](#).

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