

# SB 1383

Understanding California's New  
Food Recovery Requirements  
for Your Business

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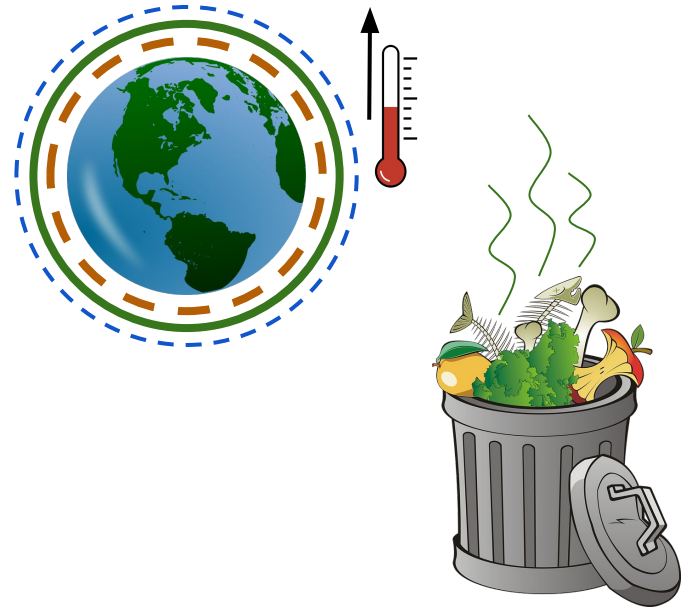
# A Quick Note About Questions

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  - All submitted questions will be answered during our Q&A session at the end of the presentation.
  - Questions will be addressed in the order received.
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# Overview of SB 1383

- California's Short-lived Climate Pollutants Reduction Strategy
  - (aka California Senate Bill 1383)
- History
  - Passed in 2016
  - Set statewide targets for 2020 and 2025
  - Most significant change to CA's waste management system in the last 30 years
- Purpose
  - Part of CA's broader climate strategy
  - Addresses climate emissions from **organic waste**
  - Will affect:
    - Governments
    - Businesses
    - Residents



## 3 Statewide Targets

2020

50%↓

Organic waste sent to landfills

2025

75%↓

Organic waste sent to landfills

2025

20%↑

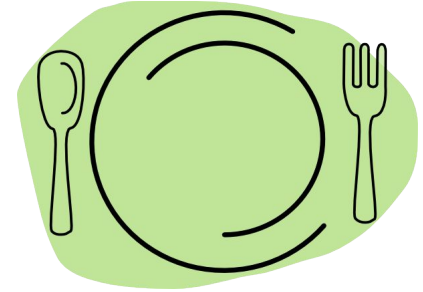
Recovery of edible food for  
human consumption\*

\*(which would otherwise be discarded)



# Defining “Edible Food”

- Intended for human consumption
- Meets all safety standards set by the [California Retail Food Code](#)
- Might not be sold due to appearance, freshness, grade, etc.
- General guideline: “Could someone consume this item *as is*?”
- Also includes beverages, condiments, and other consumables



✓ Edible



⊘ Inedible



**Why food  
waste?**

**35%** of all food produced in the U.S. **goes to waste**

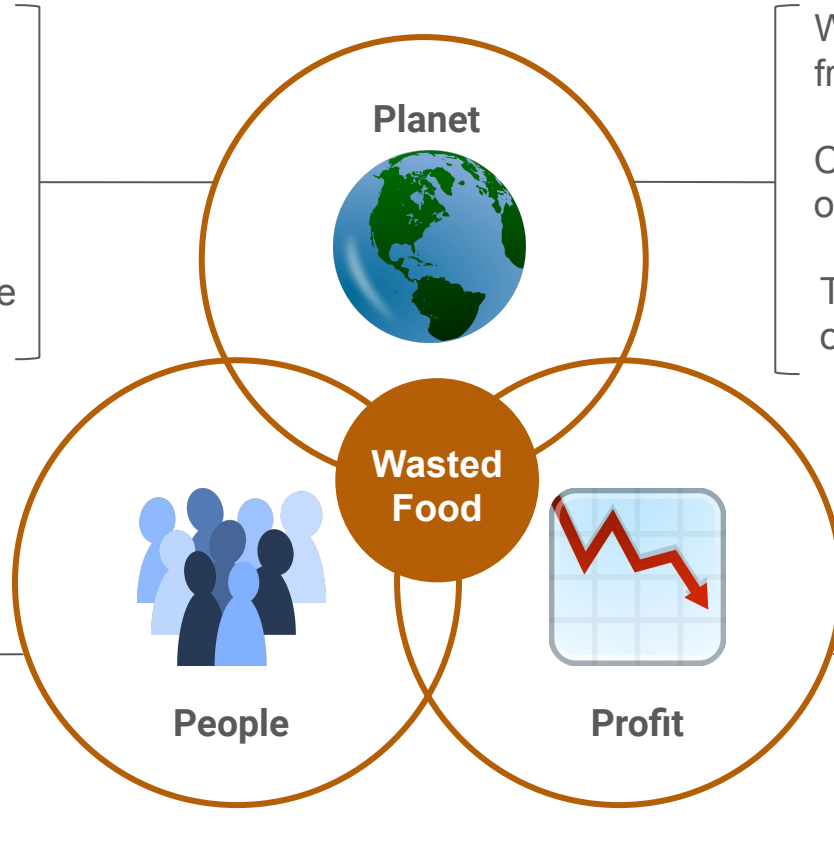
Food is **the most common material** in our landfills

**3rd largest** source of climate pollution in the world

**1 in 10** Americans and nearly **1 in 4** Californians do not have enough to eat

Food insecurity **more than doubled** in CA during the pandemic

**>1 million** people in LA County are going hungry



Wastes **5.9 trillion gallons** of fresh water

Consumes **664 billion kWh** of energy

Takes up **140 million acres** of farmland

Costs the U.S. economy **>\$400 billion** each year

The commercial sector bears **58%** of that cost

**\$1.3 billion** spent on disposal fees alone

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# The Good News

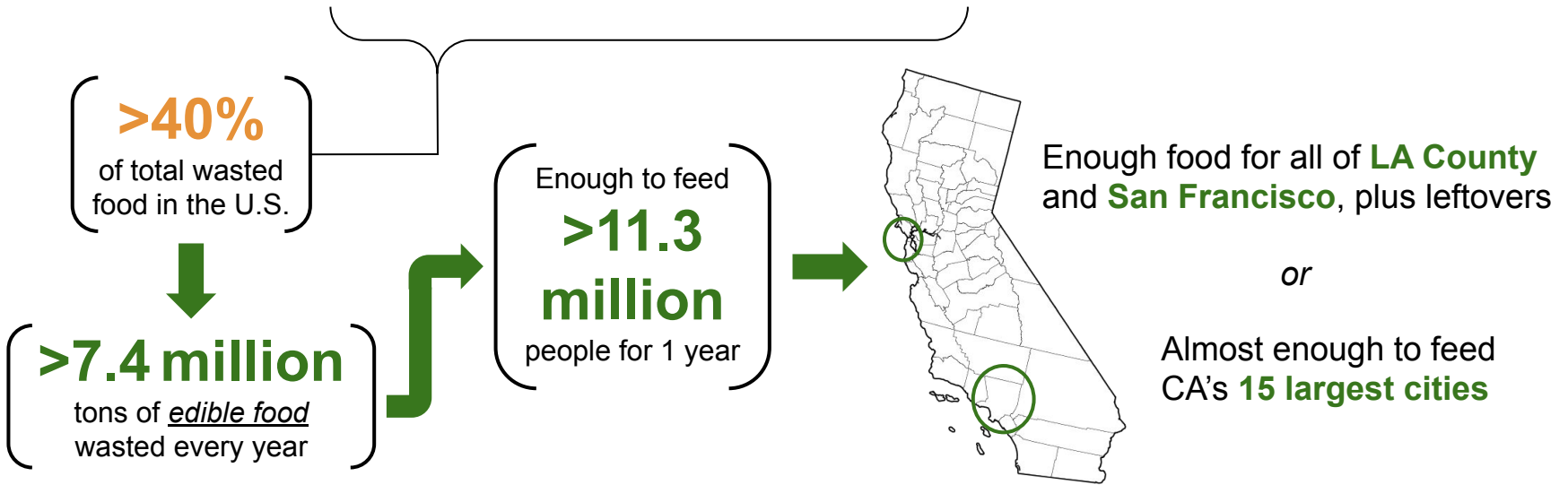
Reducing food waste is one of the *easiest* and *most effective* ways that we can strengthen our:

- Environment
- Communities
- Economy



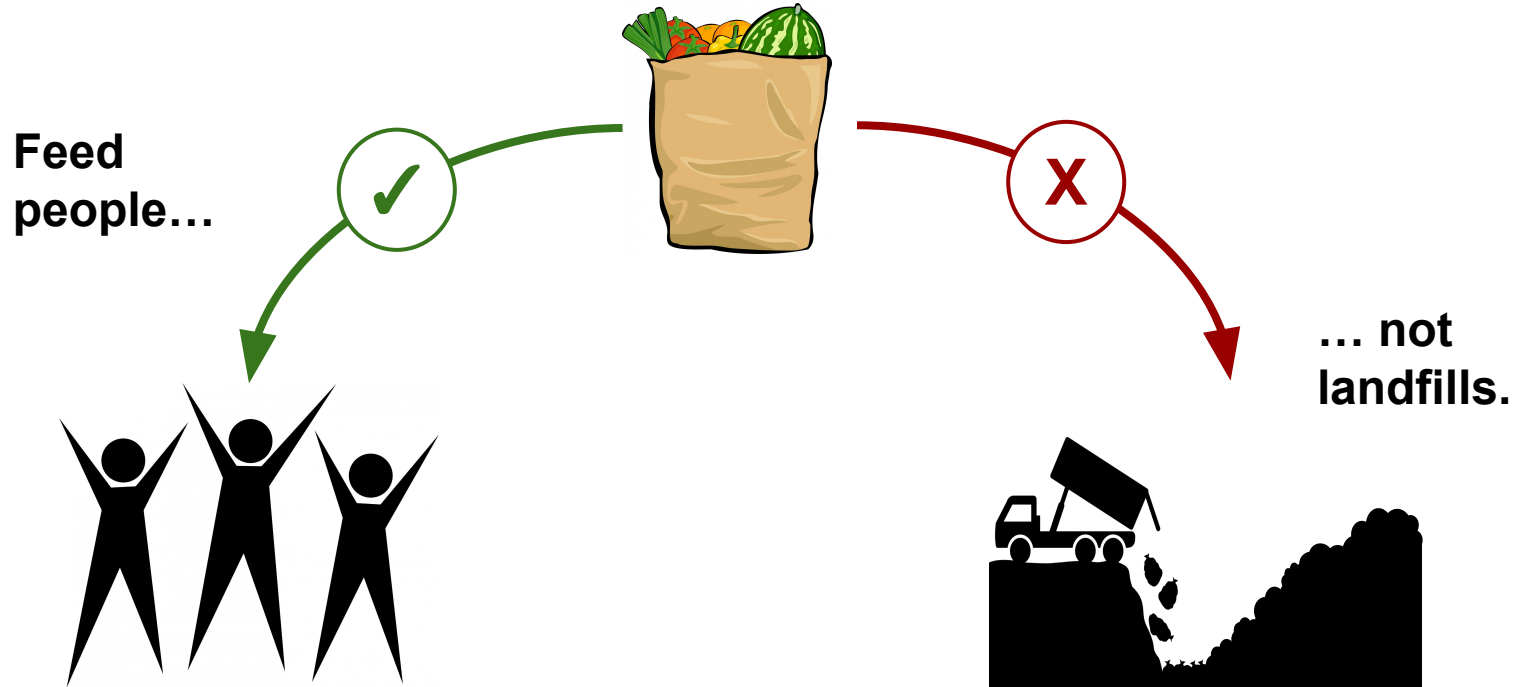
# How Businesses Can Make a Difference

Wasted Food in U.S. Supply Chain (81 million tons/yr)



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# How Businesses Can Make a Difference



# Commercial Edible Food Generators

## Tier 1

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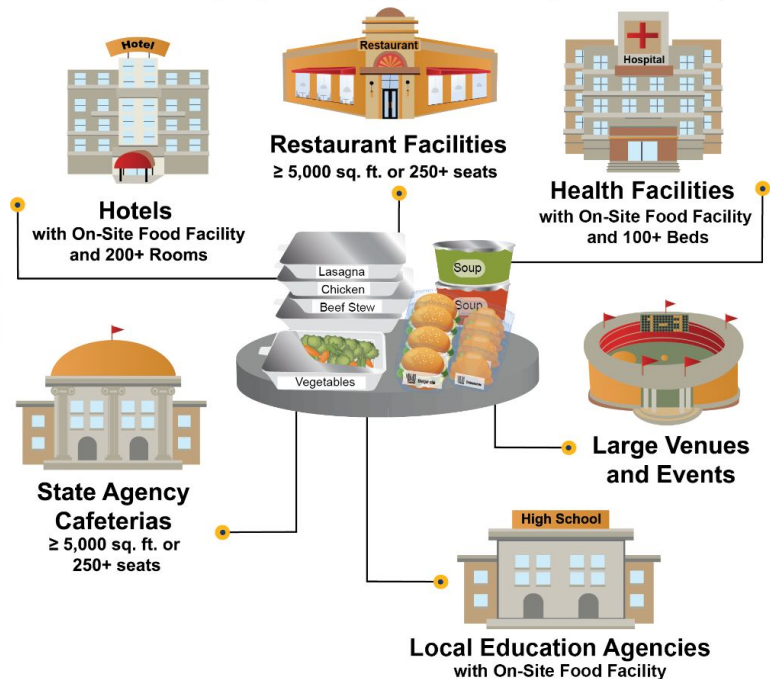
Tier one businesses typically have more produce, fresh grocery, and shelf-stable foods to donate.



## Tier 2

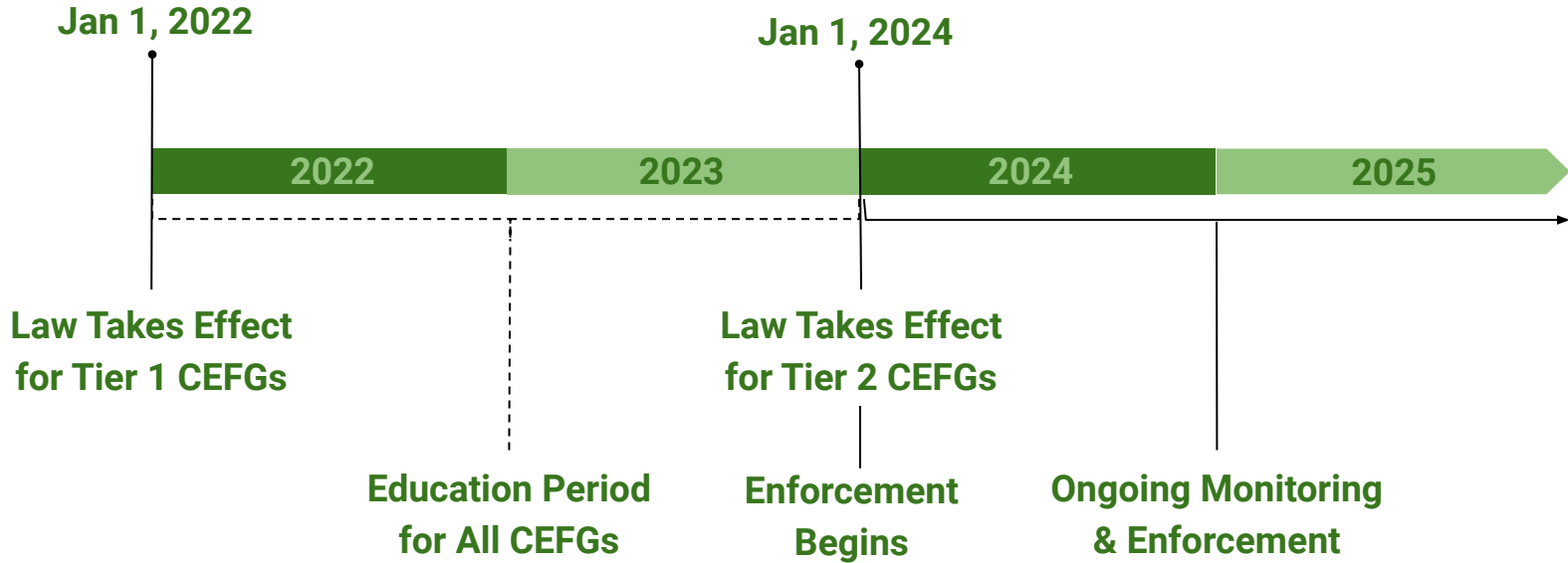
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Tier two businesses typically have more prepared foods to donate, which often require more careful handling to meet food safety requirements (e.g. time and temperature controls).

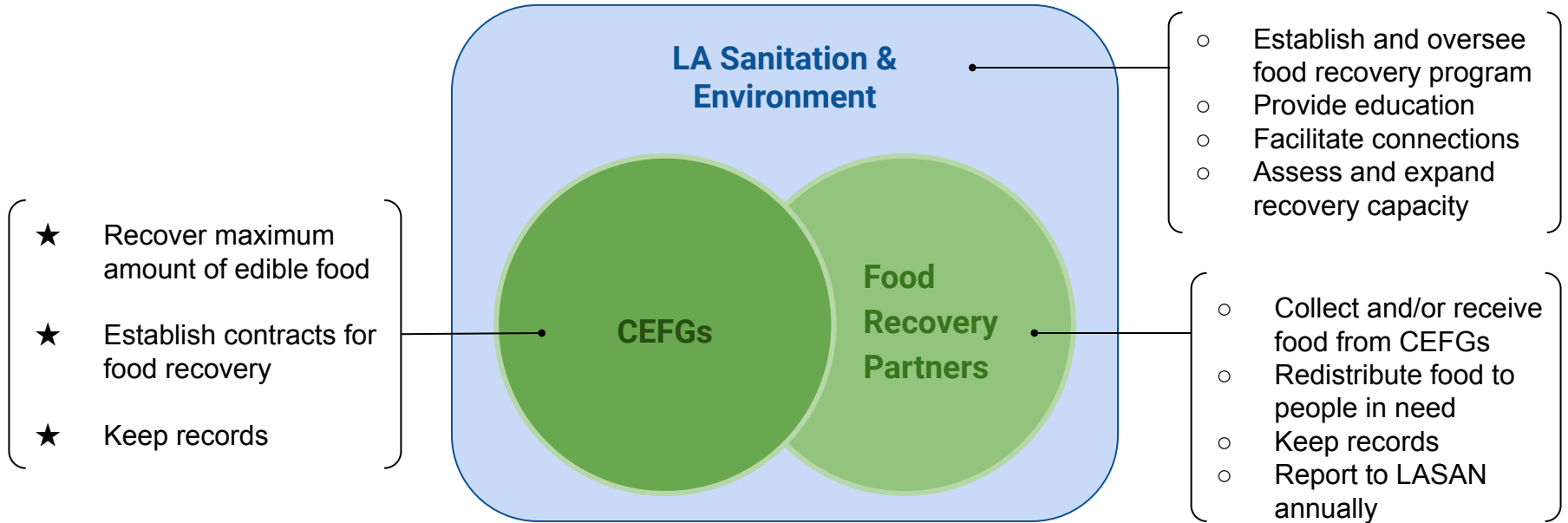


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# SB 1383 Implementation Timeline



# Roles & Responsibilities



# Next Steps

1.  Identify and contact one or more food recovery partners.
  2.  Establish written contracts with those partners.
  3.  Begin donating your surplus food.
  4.  Maintain records of your food recovery activities.
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# 1. Find the Right Food Recovery Partner(s)

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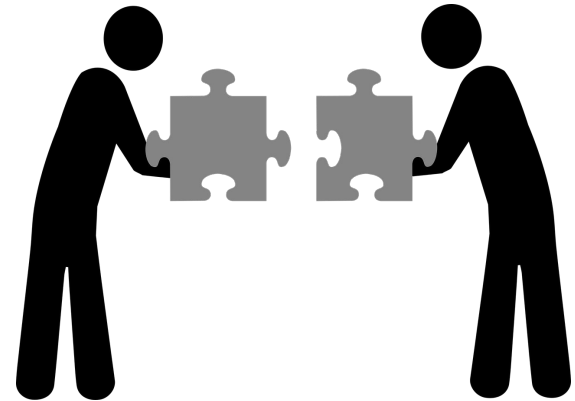
- “Food Recovery Organization (FRO)”
  - Collects and/or receives edible food from CEFGs
  - Redistributes that food to the public directly or indirectly
  - Ex: Food bank, food pantry, soup kitchen, etc.
- “Food Recovery Service (FRS)”
  - Collects edible food from CEFGs and transports it to FROs for recovery
  - ‘Middleman’ between CEFGs and FROs
  - Ex: Food Finders, Foodcycle LA, Replate, etc.
- FROs and FRSs may be non-profit or for-profit.
- Participation in SB 1383 is optional for these groups.



# 1. Find the Right Food Recovery Partner(s)

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- Every FRS and FRO has unique capabilities and constraints.
  - A chosen partner may not be able to handle all types or quantities of food.
  - Communicate with your partner(s) about your available items and their handling capacity.
  - You may need to work with *multiple* partners in order to recover all of your surplus edible food.
- Choose an FRS, an FRO, or a combination.
- FRS/FRO Directories
  - [CA Association of Food Banks](#)
  - [LA County Food Redistribution Initiative](#)
  - [CA 211](#)
  - [Other Food Recovery Resources in LA](#)

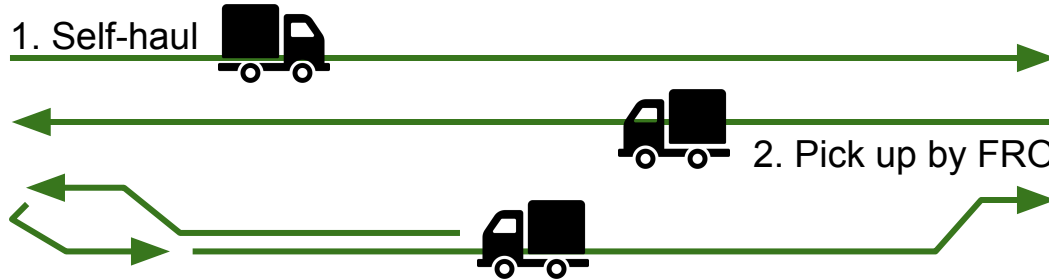




# 3. Begin Donating

- Always communicate clearly with your partner(s) about:
  - Quantity of food
  - Type(s) of food
  - Food safety considerations
  - Special handling requirements
- Donation logistics will vary by contract.
- 3 Transportation Options:

Mix & match options as needed



## 4. Maintain Records

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- Information to Record
  - List of all food recovery partners
    - Names, addresses, and contact details
  - Copies of recovery contracts
  - Donation schedule(s)
  - Types of food donated
  - Quantity of food donated
    - Measured in lbs./month
- CalRecycle Model Record Keeping Tool
  - Excel-based tool
  - [Download now](#)
- Q: “Does my business need to... ?”
  - Record? ✓
  - Report? ✗



Records will be requested during facility inspections, which began Jan. 1, 2022.

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# Contact Information & Additional Resources

- LA Sanitation & Environment
  - Food Recovery Team | [san\\_foodrecovery@lacity.org](mailto:san_foodrecovery@lacity.org)
  - Tyler Griffin | [tyler.griffin@lacity.org](mailto:tyler.griffin@lacity.org)
- Other SB 1383 Inquiries
  - CalRecycle | [slcp.organics@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:slcp.organics@calrecycle.ca.gov)
- Essential Resources
  - [SB 1383 Food Recovery Web Page](#)
    - [Information for CEEGs](#)
    - [FAQs](#)
  - [SB 1383 Final Regulations](#) (full text)
- Other Resources
  - [Food Recovery Resources in LA](#)
  - [Guide to Safe Surplus Food Donation](#)
  - [Guide to Tax Deductions for Food Donation](#)



**We're here to  
help you!**

“There is no such thing as ‘waste.’  
There are only overlooked resources.”  
- Carlos Garcia-Robles

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# Q&A

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# Home & Office Waste: Common Questions

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(Please note that this information is specific to the City of LA. If you live or work outside of city limits, please refer to your jurisdiction or local waste hauler.)

- ✓ Yard / garden trimmings
- ✓ Untreated, clean wood
- ✓ Food scraps\*



\*(Currently for commercial customers only)

- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Glass bottles, jars
- ✓ Metal
- ✓ Plastics (#1, 2, 5)
- ✓ Plastic bags
- ✓ Plastic film



- ✓ Non-recyclable, non-compostable materials
  - Diapers
  - Pet waste
  - Tissues
  - Etc.



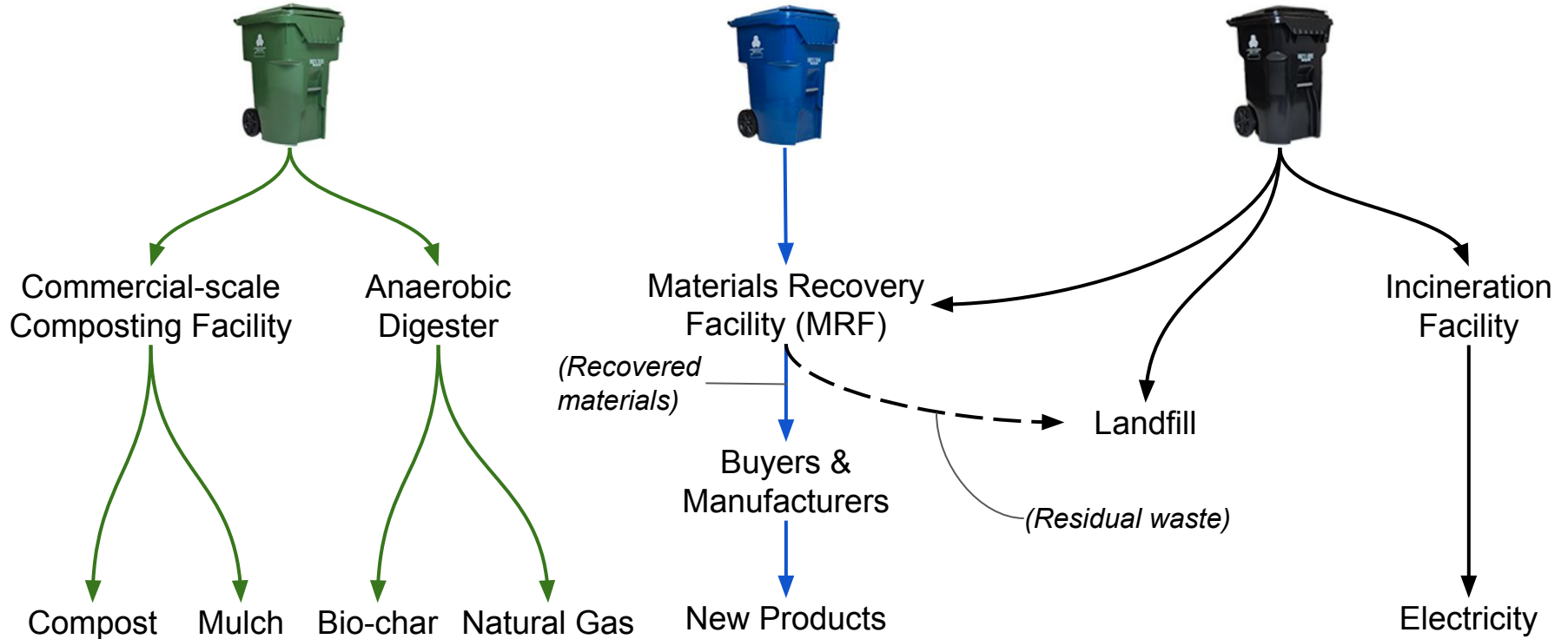
- ✓ Hazardous waste
  - Paint
  - Used oil
  - Cleaners
  - Batteries
  - Sharps

Drop off at a local S.A.F.E. Center

- ✓ Bulky items
- ✓ Appliances
- ✓ Electronics

Schedule a curbside pick-up online or by phone

# What Happens to Our Waste?



# Resources & Additional Learning

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- [LA Sanitation Website](#)
    - An interactive bin-sorting guide is available on our home page.
    - [Overview of Solid Waste Services](#)
    - [Overview of Recycling Programs](#)
      - [Blue Bin Recycling](#)
    - [Landfills & Transfer Stations](#)
  - Composting
    - [Learn more about composting](#)
    - Attend a webinar or virtual workshop
      - [LA Sanitation](#)
      - [LA County Public Works](#)
    - [Purchase a compost bin](#)
  - Bulky Items, Furniture & Appliances
    - [Schedule a curbside pick-up](#)
  - Hazardous Waste
    - [Learn more about hazardous waste](#)
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# Thank You

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We would be glad to hear from you!

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