

Unlock the Benefits:

BECOME A FOOD DONOR



What our food donors are saying!

“Through this partnership, we are able to share the bounty of our high-quality olives in a way that helps nourish our neighbors and bring people together...We are proud to work alongside organizations that strengthen local communities and create lasting, positive impact.”

- Scott McCoy, Bell-Carter Foods

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**FOOD
BANK**
of Contra Costa & Solano

FOOD DONATIONS = BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano partners with retailers, manufacturers, wholesalers, producers, and farmers to safely distribute high-quality and healthy food to community members in need.

By donating unsalable, surplus, or close-to-code-date products, your company receives these benefits:

- Reduce waste and improve sustainability.
- Enhance public image through partnership opportunities.
- Save money on dumping and disposal fees.
- Receive a tax deduction — consult with your tax advisor.
- Increase warehouse space or save on storage costs.
- Receive free pickup in most cases!
- Comply with the implementation of California state law SB 1383 by recovering edible food that would otherwise be sent to landfills to give to people in need.

ENSURING FOOD SAFETY

The Food Bank operates two food distribution warehouses in Concord and Fairfield and works with authorized network partners. To ensure food safety, which is a critical part of the donation process, we:

- Operate a fleet of vehicles to pick up all food donations or have authorized partner agencies pick up and use passive cooling.
- Store products immediately in a freezer or cooler as required.
- Use an inventory system to monitor and track food products.
- Utilize a comprehensive communication process for product recalls.

Each of our nonprofit network partners actively participates in Food Bank-conducted site visits and attends training sessions to ensure the safest, healthiest food is distributed to neighbors in need.



FIGHT FOOD WASTE AND HELP OUR NEIGHBORS

The Food Bank supports businesses of all sizes to meet the requirements of California state law SB 1383, which requires businesses to actively donate edible food to people in need. Our team can support your compliance by collaborating in agreement creation and report generation.

We are prepared to pick up donations large or small and move products to our warehouses or authorized partners throughout Northern California. By donating, your business will help reduce organic waste in landfills and help our neighbors put food on their tables.

WORKING WITH THE FOOD BANK PROTECTS YOU

To encourage companies and organizations to donate healthy food and grocery products that would otherwise go to waste, the federal government instituted The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act.

This act protects food donors from criminal and civil liability — encouraging donations, reducing waste, and supporting those in need.

Donations accepted

We accept sealed, undamaged packages of both shelf-stable and perishable commercially packaged items, including:

- Fresh produce
- Meat of all species
- Dairy products
- Bakery items
- Deli and prepared food items
- Assorted dry goods and shelf-stable items
- Personal care items*

*We maximize our resources to move food intended for humans. Upon approval and review, we may be able to accept items like pet food, household items, and other donations that support our neighbors.



READY TO GET INVOLVED?

Visit mealconnect.org to schedule a free pickup. Learn more at foodbankccs.org/food-donations or email fooddonations@foodbankccs.org.

How the **FOOD BANK** Works

Neighbors don't go to the Food Bank to get food. Instead, the Food Bank distributes food out to the community!

FOOD AND FUNDS ARE DONATED

FOOD DONATIONS ARE PICKED UP BY THE FOOD BANK OR AN AUTHORIZED NETWORK PARTNER



Community

Businesses

Grants/Foundation



FOOD IS SORTED AND STORED TO MEET SAFETY STANDARDS

The Food Bank and its 245 authorized nonprofit partner agencies distribute enough food each month for 2.7 million meals.



FOOD IS DISTRIBUTED TO NEIGHBORS IN NEED



Did you know?

30-40% of the total U.S. food supply ends up in landfills. The Food Bank often can accept food near or past its sell-by or expiration date — reducing food waste and getting food on tables.

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Leading the fight to end hunger, in partnership with our community and in service of our neighbors in need.

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FOOD DONATION GUIDELINES

Give food a second chance!

The Food Bank works with retailers, manufacturers, producers, and farmers to distribute food to neighbors in need. We have authorized network partners across Northern California and the resources to get donations of any size to neighbors in a safe, timely manner. Contact us about options to donate packaged products that are safe to consume but might not meet standards for resell or labeling.

FRESH PRODUCE

- Whole produce that is in clean, dry condition.
- Produce that has been cut/processed must be stored at 41°F or below.

BREADS & BAKERY

- Sealed original packaging with labels and ingredients.
- Fresh or day-old items.
- Donated within four days past "Sell By."

MEATS & FROZEN FOOD

- Sealed, original, intact, dated packaging.
- Food-grade materials.
- Stored by species; frozen at 0°F or below by "Sell By."

DAIRY

- Sealed, original packaging with labels and ingredients.
- Donated within four days past "Sell By."
- Stored at 41°F or below; do not freeze.

DELI AND PREPARED FOOD ITEMS

- Sealed, labeled original packaging.
- Must be stored at 41°F or below.

ASSORTED DRY GOODS & SHELF-STABLE ITEMS

- Internal packaging intact.
- Dents allowed if not on seal.
- Stored in cool, dry, clean area.



UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Opened, leaking packaging.
- Moldy, slimy, spoiled, or discolored items.
- Unthawed, previously frozen meats or meals.



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