



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
County of Riverside

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DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIVISION

DONATED FOOD TO A NON-PROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

THE TRUTH ABOUT

DONATED FOOD

Did you know?

- Any food facility may donate food to a food bank or to another nonprofit charitable organization for distribution to persons free of charge.
- No food facility that donates food shall be subject to civil or criminal liability or penalty for violation of any laws, regulations, or ordinance for a violation occurring after the time of donation.
- A facility that donates food will not be liable for any damage that results from consumption of the donated food, regardless of compliance with any laws relating to the packaging, labeling, or storage after donation.

Related Legal References

The following are specific sections in the California Health and Safety Code which reference food facility donations, and provide a definition of a Nonprofit Charitable Organization

- 114432 Food Facility Donations
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- **114433 Criminal Liability**
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.
- **114434 Immunity**
The immunities provided in Section 114433 and by Section 1714.25 of the Civil Code are in addition to any other immunities provided by law, including those provided by Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 58501) of Part 1 of Division 21 of the Food and Agriculture Code.
- **113841 Nonprofit Charitable Organization (Definition)**
“Nonprofit charitable organizations” means either of the following:
 - (a) A corporation incorporated pursuant to the Nonprofit Corporation LAW (Division 2 (commencing with Section 5000) of Title 1 of the Corporations Code), that is exempt from taxation pursuant to paragraphs (1) to (10), inclusive, and paragraph (19) of Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 23701d of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
 - (b) An organization that was organized and is in operation for charitable purposes and meets the requirements of Section 214 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

The following sections of the law, referred to above in the Health and Safety Code, address the immunities provided to entities that donate food to Non-Profit Charitable Organizations at no cost and are paraphrased below:

- **California Civil Code 1714.25** states that a facility that donates food will not be liable for any damage that results from the consumption of the donated food, regardless of compliance with any laws relating to the packaging, labeling, or storage after the donation.
- **Food and Agriculture Code 58501-58509** gives the definition of a food bank, and further details regarding food banks, distribution and protection from liability.



**As a food facility donating food,
California state law *protects you!***

**Can you think of any reason not to
donate your unused food now?**

We can't.

**Related legal references from the California Health &
Safety Code can be found on the Department
website: www.rivcoeh.org.**

Food Banks Available in Riverside County

Below is a list of some non-profit charitable organizations in Riverside County that accept food donations and their days and hours of operation. Please note some sites can only accept specific food types ~~only~~ (perishable and/or non-perishable foods). Please contact the facility to make arrangements to drop off your food donations and to verify the specific food types the facility can take.

<p style="text-align: center;">Carol's Kitchen at Banning 789 San Gorgonio Banning, CA 92220 (951) 769-9334 Tues. & Fri. Foods accepted: perishable and non-perishable</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">H.E.L.P 53 S. 6th Street Banning, CA 92220 (951) 922-2305 Mon-Thurs./9:00am-3:00pm & Fri. 9:00am-12:00pm Foods Accepted: Non-perishable</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Our Savior Lutheran Church 1320 W. Williams Banning, CA 92220 (951) 849-3343 Mon. - Fri./9:00am-12:00pm Foods accepted: perishable and non-perishable</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Carol's Kitchen at Catholic Church 1234 Palm Ave Beaumont, CA 92223 (951) 769-9334 Mon. & Thurs. Foods accepted: perishable and non-perishable</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Table of Plenty at Beaumont 306 E 6th St. Beaumont, CA 92220 (951) 922-1719 Tues.-Thurs./7:30am-1:30pm Foods accepted: perishable and non-perishable</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Table of Plenty at Beaumont 702 Euclid Ave. Beaumont, CA 92220 (951) 922-1719 Tues.-Thurs./7:30am- 1:30pm Foods accepted: perishable and non-perishable</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Harmony Kitchen 219 South Main St. Blythe, CA 92225 (760)921-4508 Mon.-Fri. 7:00am-12:00pm Foods accepted: non-perishable</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Carol's Kitchen at Cabazon 50390 Carmen St Cabazon, CA 92230 (951) 769-9334 Mon. & Thurs. Foods accepted: perishable and non-perishable</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Valley Mission Program 52565 Oasis Palm Ave. Coachella, CA 92236 (760) 398-9277 10:00am-7:00pm Foods accepted: Non-perishable</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jordan Outreach 50930 Calhoun St. Coachella, CA 92236 (760) 398-3352 Mon.-Fri./8:00am-4:00pm Foods accepted: perishable and non-perishable</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Corona Norco Settlement House 507 South Vicentia Corona, CA 92882 (951) 737-3504 Mon-Fri. 10:00am-4:00pm Foods accepted: non-perishable pre-packaged</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Food Now 14080 Palm Dr. Ste. E Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240 (760) 329-4100 Tues., Weds., Thurs./8:00am-12:00pm Foods accepted: perishable and non-perishable</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Family Center in Hemet 515 E. Kimball Ave. Hemet, CA 92543 (951) 658-7153 Tues.-Thurs./9:00am-3:00pm Foods accepted: non-perishable</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hemet Community Pantry 519 N San Jacinto Ave Hemet, CA 92543 (951) 816-443 Mon.-Fri./7:00am-12:30pm Foods accepted: perishable and non-perishable</p>

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<p>Valley Restart Center 200 E. Menlo Hemet, CA 92545 (951) 766-7476 Mon.-Fri./before:4:00pm Foods accepted: perishable and non-perishable</p>	<p>Idyllwild Help Center 26330 Hwy. 234 Idyllwild, CA 92549 (951) 653-2529 Mon.- Sun./10:00am-4:00pm Foods accepted: non-perishable only</p>
<p>Coachella Valley Rescue Mission 47470 Van Buren Indio, CA 92201 (760) 347-3512 Mon.- Sun. Foods accepted: perishable and non-perishable</p>	<p>Martha's Kitchen 83791 Date Ave Indio, CA 92201 (760) 347-4741 ext.383 ext.356 for large donation pick-up service Mon.-Sun./8:00am- 6:00pm Foods accepted: non-perishable foods only</p>
<p>The Narrow Door 43052 Madison Street Indio, CA 92201 (760) 775-56200 Foods accepted: non-perishable</p>	<p>Galilee Center 66101 Hammond Rd. Mecca, CA 92254 (760) 396-9100 Mon-Fri 9:00am-5:00pm Foods accepted: non-perishable</p>
<p>Community Food Pantry of Murrieta 38444 Sky Canyon Dr., Ste. 190 Murrieta, CA 92563 (951) 677-6347 Mon.-Thurs./8:00am-2:00pm Foods accepted: perishable and non-perishable</p>	<p>Senior Citizens Center & Food Bank 41538 Eastman Dr. Ste C Murrieta, CA 92562 (951) 852-4900 Mon, Tues., Thurs, Fri./ 8:00am-11:00am Foods accepted: Perishable and non-perishable</p>
<p>Desert Arc 73255 Country Club Dr. Palm Desert, CA 92260 (760) 346-1611 Mon.- Fri./8:00am-2:00pm Foods accepted: perishable and non-perishable</p>	<p>Desert Aids Project 1695 N. Sunrise Way Palm Springs, CA 92262 (760) 323-2118 Foods accepted: non-perishable packaged foods only</p>
<p>Roy's Desert Resource Center 19531 McLane St Palm Springs, CA 92262 (760) 676-5200 Foods accepted: non-perishable preferred</p>	<p>Well in the Desert at St. Paul Church 588 Rosa Parks Rd. Palm Springs, CA 92262 (760) 656-8905 Foods accepted: non-perishable foods only</p>
<p>Abiding Love Ministry 24712 Hwy. 74 Perris, CA 92570 (909) 657-3265 Wed.-Fri./9:00am-5:00pm Foods accepted: perishable and non-perishable</p>	<p>God's Helping Hand Ministries 21382 Harvill Ave Perris, CA 92570 (951) 657-3041 Foods accepted: perishable and non-perishable</p>
<p>Feeding America 2950 Jefferson St. Riverside, Ca 92504 (951) 359-4757 Foods accepted: Non-perishable</p>	<p>Salvation Army 3695 First St. Riverside, CA 92501 (951) 784-4490 Foods accepted: perishable and non-perishable</p>

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<p>St. George's Episcopal Church 950 Spruce St. Riverside, CA 92507 (951) 686-9936 Tues. & Thurs./ 9:00am-1:00pm Foods Accepted: Perishable and non-perishable</p>	<p>Church of Acts Bread Basket 2385 S. San Jacinto Ave. San Jacinto, CA 92583 (951) 658-5098 Mon. 8:00am-11:00am & Fri. /8:00am-11:00am Foods accepted: perishable and non-perishable</p>
<p>Hope Food 2 610 S. State St. San Jacinto, CA 92583 (951) 652-1136 Tues. 10:00am-4:00pm, Thurs. 10:00am-5:00pm Sat. 11:00am-4:00pm Foods accepted: perishable and non-perishable</p>	<p>Temecula Community Pantry 28870 Pujol Street Temecula, CA 92950 Mon., Weds., Fri./8:00am-1:00pm Foods accepted: perishable and non-perishable</p>

*Document available in an alternate format upon request

