

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

**FOOD
DROP**

Donation & Recovery Outreach Program



Los Angeles County Public Works
Environmental Programs Division



AGENDA

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- Development of Food DROP
- Food DROP Website & Toolkit
- Food Recovery Campaign
- Food Recovery During COVID
- Next Steps & Challenges



BACKGROUND



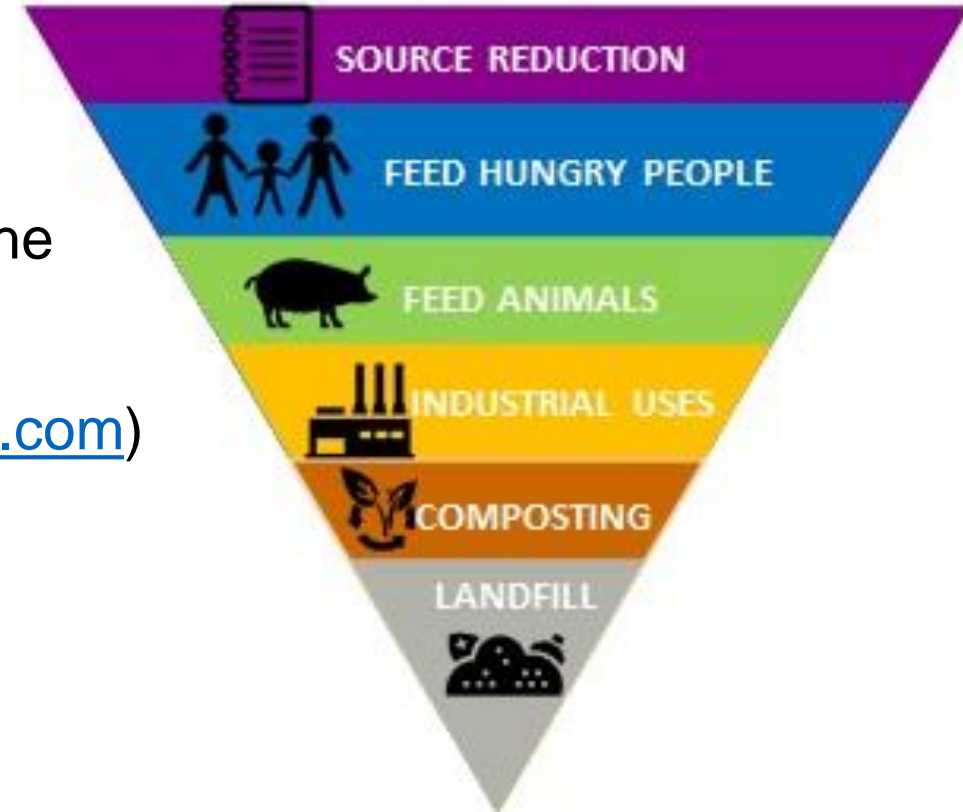
- To raise awareness of food insecurity
- To recruit businesses and encourage participation
- To reduce food waste
- To comply with SB 1383





DEVELOPMENT OF FOOD DROP

- Phone surveyed 229 non-profits
- Identified 50 non-profits that agreed to partner with the County of Los Angeles
- Launched the program website (www.FoodDROPLA.com) in January 2018
- Coordinated food donation for local events
- Received awards from County Board of Supervisors



U.S EPA FOOD RECOVERY HIERARCHY



FOOD DROP WEBSITE

www.FoodDROPLA.com



The Los Angeles County Food DROP Program

Mission: To provide resources for businesses operating in the County Unincorporated Communities so that they may (1) safely donate their excess edible food to fight hunger, and (2) reduce food waste in Los Angeles County.

Vision: All food service businesses operating in the Los Angeles County Unincorporated Communities safely donate their excess edible food to feed people in need in Los Angeles County.



Be a part of the solution and donate your surplus edible food. [Request a consultation!](#)





FOOD DROP TOOLKIT

The Toolkit consists of:

- (a) Information on state legislation regarding organic waste diversion and food donation
- (b) LA County Department of Public Health's food safety guidelines
- (c) Interactive map of our food recovery partners
- (d) Food DROP brochure
- (e) Food Donation Tracking form



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Date	Organization	Quantity	Value	Category	Comments	Operator

(e)



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Interactive Map of Food DROP Food Recovery Partners

Map Satellite

Ascencia (Access Center Temporarily Closed)
Address: 1851 Tyburn St. Glendale 91204
Phone: (818) 246-7900
Description: COVID-19 Operations: Hot meals for housed clients M-F (breakfast at 6 am, lunch at 11:30 am, and dinner at 6 pm); Intakes on T & Th by appt only; *Food donations Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm (please call ahead to schedule pick-ups)
Categories: Food Donation
Website: [Ascencia \(Access Center Temporarily Closed\)](#)
Food Types Accepted: dry, canned
Provides Transportation? NO

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OUR MISSION AND VISION

OUR MISSION

We provide resources for businesses operating in County unincorporated areas to safely donate their excess edible food to fight hunger in Los Angeles County and divert food waste from the landfills.

OUR VISION

To have all businesses operating in County unincorporated areas safely donate excess edible food to feed people in need in Los Angeles County.



1 in 7 living in LA County live with food insecurity.

WHY DONATE?

HELP FIGHT HUNGER

Each year, County unincorporated areas toss 128,000 tons of food into the trash. Public Works partnered with local charities in Los Angeles County to offer businesses a food donation option through Food DROP.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE

All businesses who donate to a 501(c)(3) that uses the food for the care of the ill, the needy, or infants qualifies for an enhanced tax deduction. Contact a tax professional for additional guidance.

ASSEMBLY BILL 1826

Under AB 1826, businesses that generate specified amounts of organic waste are required to arrange for organic waste recycling services or food donation.

SENATE BILL 1383

SB 1383 requires a 50% reduction in organic waste disposal by 2020, and a 75% reduction by 2025. In addition, SB 1383 requires that not less than 20% of edible food that is disposed be recovered for human consumption by 2025.

Learn more about AB 1826 and SB 1383 by visiting
FoodDROPLA.com

GETTING STARTED!

Be a Business that CARES:

1. CHECK YOUR INVENTORY

Identify what food can be donated and get manager buy-in.

2. ARRANGE FOR A MEETING

If you are in an unincorporated area, Public Works will help you develop a food donation plan. To schedule a meeting, call (888) CLEAN-LA.

3. REACH OUT

Identify non-profit(s) that work with your plan and set-up a donation schedule.

4. ENGAGE YOUR STAFF

Educate your team about the program, what foods are suitable to donate and how to handle and store food for successful donation.

5. START DONATING!

Communicate regularly with the non-profit(s) and make adjustment as needed to ensure a successful donation partnership.



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Food Donation Tracking Form for Food Facility Operators (Backside)

Date	Type of Food	Quantity/ Amounts	Units (lbs. Gal, Cans, etc.)	DONOR Temperature at Holding Time (if perishable)	Time temp was taken (if perishable)	RECEIVER Temperature at receipt (if perishable)	Time temp was taken (if perishable)	Accepted (Yes/No)

This portion is to be completed by Food Donation Recipients:

Name of Receiving Agency

Received By (Print Name)

Date Received

I acknowledge that the food item(s) listed above meet the temperature holding requirements of Section 113871 of the California Retail Food Code (Potentially Hazardous Food).

Donor Signature:

Date:

Recipient Signature:

Date:

Please submit the completed form electronically by email to Los Angeles County Public Works, Email: FoodDROPLA@pw.lacounty.gov.
If email is not available, please Fax to (626) 979-5390 Attn: Food DROP.



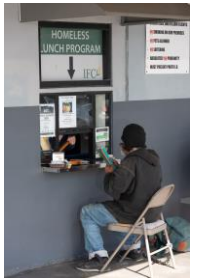
FOOD RECOVERY CAMPAIGN



A Day without Hunger

3 billion pounds of food
that could **feed millions**
is wasted each year in Los Angeles County

Join LA County and local charities to help those in need





“A DAY WITHOUT HUNGER” Events



Interfaith Food Center

Approximately 180 families received food.

About 14,000 pounds of food was donated/redistributed.

City of Palmdale - SAVES (South Antelope Valley Emergency Services)

50 families.
6,000 pounds.

YWCA San Gabriel Valley Bassett Park Event

280 families
15,000 pounds.

WLCAC Family Source Center

180 families
12,500 pounds

MEND – Meet Each Need with Dignity

80 families
3,800 pounds





Food DROP During COVID-19

- Continued outreach and encouraged business partners to donate excess food
 - over 70 tons of food since March 2020 and 42 cases of drinking water
- Weekly communication with nonprofit partners and updated information on Food DROP website
- Supported local food distribution events by donating 6,500 reusable bags for pre-packaging
- Provided resources to assist businesses and nonprofit partners in response to COVID-19





SUMMARY / NEXT STEPS



- Create/Update Tier 1 & 2 Commercial Edible Food Generators List
 - Work with waste haulers to identify large food generating businesses
 - Include food recovery requirements in the contracts
- Conduct Food Recovery Capacity Assessment
 - Commercial Food Generators
 - Food Recovery Agencies within your jurisdiction
- Coordinate Food Recovery with Food Waste Recycling
- Develop Grant Programs to expand food recovery capacities
- Develop a food donation online/mobile app and tracking system

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For more information, visit:

www.FoodDROPLA.com

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