

is this legal?

Is it legal to share food? Yes, of course it is! How this happens is a question that will depend on the context and the people involved. There will always be challenges with any project. An unfavorable legal or political climate however can be a perfect field for shaping the communal agreements that exist or will come to exist.

As things exist now in California, however, we have fertile ground and a lot less obstruction towards creating more food recovery projects. SB 1383, passed in 2016, put forth processes and targets for increased food recovery state-wide. It requires "food generators" (ie. restaurants, grocery stores, hotels) to develop relationships with "food recovery organizations" (such as Davis Night Market, Food Not Bombs, Food Recovery Network, freedge) to share leftover edible food & just generally decrease the amount of food that they throw out. It also prohibits local, state, & federal agencies from prohibiting people from recovering edible food that would otherwise go to waste.

a business wants to donate food, but they're worried about liability. what do i do?

Try referring them to CAAB-1219. The California Good Samaritan Food Donation Act of 2017 affirmed federal and state laws that protected businesses from liability when donating food & expanded who they could give to. As long as the food was reasonably determined to be safe to eat, they're immune from liability.

davis freedges

1: 1221 Eureka Avenue

mini fridge & freezer in an open pantry, close to the library and main high school

2: Davis Food Co-op

fridge & pantry space, well used, restocked often

3: UCD Memorial Union

large fridge for whole produce, canned goods, & sealed and labeled non-perishables. located outside the bookstore on the east side, across from the ASUCD pantry.

4: Student Farm

stocked weekly with fresh organic produce, **solely** for donations from the Student Farm, for anyone to partake. also has a seed collection bucket on top. inside the Bowley Plant Science Teaching Facility by the entrance.



freedge

Have you ever needed food but not had the resources or support to receive it? Have you ever bought or received something just to find out it really is not to your taste? Have you ever been astonished by the amount of food that goes to waste in the hospitality industry?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then you could use a **freedge**!



what is a freedge?

n. a cabinet, typically a fridge, for exchange of food and other useful items in a public place

• portmanteau of free + fridge

A freedge is a sharing mechanism aiming to reduce food insecurity & waste. By providing a shared space for food abundance, freedges promote equal access to healthy food & an avenue for neighbors to share the burden of survival together.

what food can be shared?

Freedges can safely share produce, shelf-stable items, and cooked food*. Ultimately what is shared will depend on the location and what is available. Some freedges, as you'll read on the back of this pamphlet, only accept certain items.

Ensuring donations are safe to eat is important but more complex for something so publicly accessible. Cleaning & weeding the freedge routinely reduces hazards.

* Training people in food safety standards is important if you're going to allow/take cooked food. This is why some freedges will only accept cooked food if it's sealed & from a restaurant.



examples:

Freedge @ Davis Food Co-op in Davis, CA

Pantry @ Garden of the People in South Sacramento, CA

Free Fridge 15106 in Pittsburgh, PA

Acadiana Freedges in Louisiana

Village Free(dge) & Pantry · Miami, FL

how often do the freedges get cleaned?

The Davis Food Co-op freedge is cleaned twice a week. Both the Eureka and Student Farm freedges are cleaned once a week. Some freedges are busier than others and will need more cleaning throughout the week. Soap and water applied by rag gets rid of messes easily, and food safe sanitizers like Star San help prevent mold.

how do i get involved?

Donate food! Talk to people at the freedges or about the freedges! If you want to get more involved with us as a group, join us in one of our cleaning times & we can get you up to speed on our current priorities. We also take donations:

• venmo: @TheFreedge

freedges aren't just a Davis project! If you have a specific freedge in mind, please say so in the donation note.

how do i start a new freedge?

Make space for food to be shared and the people will come! If you don't own land that's feasible, then you can learn about finding a host along with other tips on our website: freedge.org/freedge-yourself/.

Ask questions. Answering the questions in this pamphlet as they relate to your situation will help you in your process. Other than that, ask yourself what motivates you & what values you want to share with your community.

check out our website

freedge.org



tinyurl.com/freedge
sign up for cleaning shifts