


safely
donate
unused
food

THE GOOD SAMARITAN ACT





Unused and unwanted food is often thrown out, piling dumpsters with heavy food waste that could otherwise have been rescued and donated to those in need.

The Good Samaritan Act encourages the donation and distribution of wholesale food and protects donors such as restaurants, caterers, and grocers from any civil or criminal liabilities. This act allows them to donate their unused and leftover food to non-profit organizations such as food pantries and shelters. Under this act, these food related entities may donate if the food is suitable for consumption, meaning its nature, age, packaging, and condition is suitable to be consumed by those in need. In turn, the non-profit is also free from any criminal or civil liability when the food is donated, knowing that it was wholesale and in a suitable condition to be consumed by those in need.

Food goes unwasted, cutting costs for restaurants and hungry people are fed.

Everyone wins.