

## Food Crops and Food Banks

### Do Riverside County Landfills accept this waste?

Yes

No  
(See Disposal Locations)

Conditionally  
(See Special Conditions)

Case by case  
(See Approval Process)

### Are there other alternatives for this waste?

Yes  
(See Alternative Recycling Locations)

No

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### Alternative Recycling Locations

Tired of throwing your excess fruit away? If your gardening efforts produce more nuts, fruits or vegetables than your family can consume, consider donating these excess food crops to local non-profit organizations and food banks who will make sure your bounty is shared with others in need. Food banks are large warehouses that store and distribute food to local organizations. The food is then given to the people who need it through community groups like senior centers, day care centers, homeless shelters and youth programs. The food banks listed below are an excellent resource in finding community food donation programs in your area. Donations of both perishable and non-perishable food items are accepted in most cases. Call for details.

Some cities in the Coachella Valley sponsor residential food gleaning programs for residents with excess food crops they want to donate to these food banks. Contact your city recycling coordinator for more information about these programs.

**Food Banks of Southern California**  
<http://www.foodbankofsocal.org>

**Hidden Harvest**  
P.O. Box 266  
Coachella, CA 92236  
1-760-398-8183

**FIND, Inc.**  
68615 Perez Road 4A  
Cathedral City, CA 92235  
1-760-328-3663  
<http://www.FINDfoodbank.org>

**Second Harvest Food Bank**  
2950-B Jefferson Street  
Riverside, CA 92504  
1-951-359-4757

**Feeding America**  
<http://www.feedingamerica.org>

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