



DESTIN HARVEST

Helping our Community make a difference
...One Meal at a Time

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What about liability?

There is no danger in donating food to Destin Harvest. **Both Florida and the federal government have laws protecting donors from liability.** In addition, Destin Harvest asks all recipients to sign an agreement accepting food “as is,” which further limits liability.

Destin Harvest Practices Food Safety

At Destin Harvest we take our responsibility to you and the people we serve very seriously.

- All of our drivers are trained to handle food safely.
- Our trucks are refrigerated to keep food at safe temperatures.
- We train all recipient agencies in safe food preparation and handling.
- Agency kitchens are evaluated for their food safety practices.
- We have never had a case of food-borne illness reported to us from a Destin Harvest donation. In other words, donating food to Destin Harvest is not only smart, it is safe.

1. Federal Law

The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act

The Child Nutrition Act of 1966, now commonly known as “The Good Samaritan Food Donation Act”, as amended (which can be found at 42 U.S.C. Section 1771 et. seq) encourages the donation of food and grocery products to nonprofit organizations for distribution to needy individuals by limiting the liability of those who provide food. Please note however, that the donation of food and grocery products may also be subject to certain state and local restrictions.

View “The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act” in its entirety [click here](#)

2. Florida Law

The Jack Davis Florida Restaurant Lending a Helping Hand Act

The bill amends existing provisions regarding liability for canned or perishable food distributed free of charge by expanding the definition of "perishable food" to include foods that have been prepared at a licensed public food service establishment. The bill provides protection from criminal and civil liability to public food service establishments that donate perishable foods apparently fit for human consumption to a bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization for free.

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This act was signed by the Governor of Florida, to see the official letter [click here](#)