

# SAN JOSE

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# Food Works

## EXISTING SAN JOSE FOOD ENTREPRENEUR RESOURCES

**The purpose of this document is to provide food entrepreneurs with information on the facilities, programs and technical assistance currently available in the San Jose region.**

**Commercial Kitchens** - *Provide a wide range of equipment and storage space for multiple food enterprises to rent.*

1505 Kitchen Space  
1505 S. Winchester Blvd., San Jose, CA  
95128; (408) 799-8011

Johnson's Industrial Catering  
1670 Roger Ave., San Jose, CA 95112  
(408) 436-7522

Amy's Kitchen Rental  
1969 O'Toole Way, San Jose, CA 95131  
(408) 836-6547

Lee Industrial Catering  
660 E. Gish Rd., San Jose, CA 95112  
(408) 275-0700

Bay Area Kitchen Rental  
49103 Milmont Dr., Fremont, CA 94538  
(510) 329-0277

San Jose Kitchen Rental  
326 Commercial St., San Jose, CA 95112  
(408) 816-7854

**Kitchen Incubators** - *Offer early-stage entrepreneurs supportive services, including technical assistance, product development, and access to marketplaces.*

Veggielution, Eastside Grange  
647 S. King Rd., San Jose, CA 95116; (408) 753-6705

As a community food hub for local food entrepreneurs and residents, the Eastside Grange also includes a commercial kitchen and work space.

## Training

San Jose City College  
2100 Moorpark Ave., San Jose, CA 95128; (408) 298-2181 x3552  
Offers introductory classes on nutrition and foods. There is also a Meat Cutters Certificate that covers food selection, storage, preparation, and other cooking techniques.

Evergreen Valley College  
3095 Yerba Buena Rd., San Jose, CA 95135; (408) 274-7900  
Offers nutrition classes. Transfer-ready courses for admission to San Jose State University's Nutritional Science BS program.

San Jose State University  
One Washington Square, San Jose, CA 95192; (408) 924-1000  
The Nutrition, Food Science and Packaging Department offers Masters and undergraduate BS degrees in Nutritional Science, with optional concentrations in dietetics and packaging.

**Training (continued)**

Santa Clara University, Food and Agribusiness Institute (FAI)  
500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053; (408) 554-4000  
Offers a Food and Agribusiness MBA Specialization program.

Center for Employment Training (CET)  
701 Vine St., San Jose, CA 95110; (408) 534-5360  
Offers a Culinary Arts program that prepares students for entry-level culinary positions.

International Culinary Center  
700 W. Hamilton Ave., Campbell, CA 95008; (866) 318-2433  
Offers programs geared toward preparing students for culinary careers, including Professional Culinary Arts, Professional Pastry Arts, Italian Culinary Experience, and Intensive Sommelier Training. Also provides various recreational and amateur opportunities.

**Business Assistance**

Small Business Development Center – Silicon Valley  
1887 Monterey Rd., San Jose, CA 95112; (408) 385-9800  
Local resource that offers one-on-one advising, trainings, workshops, and funding assistance.

Business Coaching Center – City of San Jose  
Online at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=3457>  
[juan.borrelli@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:juan.borrelli@sanjoseca.gov); [xuan.ha@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:xuan.ha@sanjoseca.gov)  
Offers coaching for new entrepreneurs and business owners looking to locate or expand in San Jose.

Small Business Association  
455 Market St. #600, San Francisco, CA 94105; (415) 744-6820  
Many useful guides, workshops and nationwide resources for starting a new business.

Anew America  
210 N. 4th St., Suite 205, San Jose, CA 95112; (408) 326-2669  
Workshops in financial literacy, loans and credit, one-on-one technical assistance, and Business Action Circles, which provide specialized coaching to entrepreneurs on various areas of business operations and growth.

**Regulatory Agencies – Find info on permits and certifications needed for your food business.**

City of San Jose  
200 E. Santa Clara St., San José, CA 95113; (408) 535-3500

County of Santa Clara - Business Services Division  
70 West Hedding St., West Wing, San Jose, CA 95110; (408) 299-5400

San Mateo County Environmental Health Services Division  
1555 Berger Drive, Bldg. 2, Ste. 300, San Jose, CA 95112-2713; (408) 918-3400  
Offers Food Safety certification under the National Registry of Food Safety Professionals. Classes in English and Spanish and exams in eight languages.

## **Exemplary Community Kitchens and Kitchen Incubators in the Bay Area**

### **Alameda Kitchen**

Alameda Point Collaborative, 677 West Ranger Ave., Alameda, CA 94501; (510) 898-7800

In collaboration with Alameda Point Collaborative (APC), FoodShift's Alameda Kitchen uses surplus food to create healthy meals by training and employing residents of APC. The kitchen is integrated with APC's existing job training program, serving as a bridge to provide additional work experience and training to APC's graduates before they enter the workforce.

### **Artisan Kitchen**

845-865 Marina Bay Pkwy., Suite 33, Richmond, CA 94804; (510) 235-2323

The Artisan Kitchen, a working commercial kitchen, provides a much-needed venue to new and seasoned chefs to produce what the bay area is best known for - it's eclectic and high quality food offerings. The artisan kitchen is available to caterers, private chefs, food photographers and other food connoisseurs for culinary instruction, on a daily, weekly or monthly basis.

### **The Berkeley Kitchens**

2701 Eighth St., Berkeley, CA 94710; 510-684-0647

The Berkeley Kitchens houses a collection of private commercial kitchen rentals, studios, and offices that are tailored for small food companies, artists, and entrepreneurs.

### **La Placita**

4559 International Blvd, Oakland, CA 94601; (510) 467-5688.

Was started by a woman who wanted to organize her community around empowering small-scale food entrepreneurs, many of whom did not have the resources or know-how to legitimize their businesses. Her business provides assistance/guidance with this process as well as commercial kitchen space.

### **KitchenTown Food Startup Incubator + Café/Learning Lab**

1007 Howard Ave., San Mateo, CA 94401; (650) 458-8080

470 Alabama Street San Francisco, CA 94110

Offers a wide range of services in addition to production space, to help food businesses get up and running, from start to finish. They also have a storefront and "learning lab" in San Francisco.

### **La Cocina**

2948 Folsom St., San Francisco, CA 94110; (415) 824-2729

Maintains a commercial kitchen space for rent, but has become well-known for its one-year incubator program that focuses on helping women, minority food entrepreneurs -

### **The Kitchener**

372 24th St., Oakland, CA 94612; (510) 835-5885

Kitchener Oakland is a fully-operating commercial kitchen for startup food businesses to cook and grow in. The affordable rate model and strong emphasis on cooperation helps nurture food entrepreneurs from fledging to flight in a safe, creative, and low-risk environment.