

Put Your Policy Where Your Mouth Is: How Food Waste Policy Can Help Solve Climate Change and Help Your Business



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Commit. Act. Impact.





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Climate Collaborative Commitment Areas











Integrate carbon farming into the agricultural supply chains

Increase energy efficiency

Reduce food-waste in the supply chain

Remove commoditydriven deforestation from supply chains

Responsible engagement in climate policy









Reduce the climate impact of packaging

Commit to 100% renewable power

Reduce short-lived climate pollutant emissions

Reduce climate impacts of transportation

How to commit



TAKE ACTION

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More companies are taking action to reverse climate change than ever before. They're tackling this global challenge not only because it's essential to the future of our planet but also because doing so offers tremendous opportunities for growth, job creation, and prosperity.

Companies can help reverse climate change by making a commitment to one or more of these initiatives.

WHY TAKE ACTION?

Climate change is both the greatest threat our planet has ever faced

MAKE A COMMITMENT

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How many companies have committed?







321

Companies
Committing to Action



Commitments































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Why Commit To Reducing Food Waste in Supply Chains?

In the U.S., nearly 40% of the food we produce goes to waste -- more than 62 million tons of the food we grow, process, and bring to market each year is never eaten. Reducing U.S. food waste by 20% within the next decade could prevent 18 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions each year.

186 Companies have made the Food Waste Commitment!

Businesses that commit to reducing food waste in their supply chains can reduce their climate change impacts while increasing their profits. Preventing food loss at the source reduces costs by saving ingredients, packaging, labor and waste removal. It also prevents the waste of the water, energy and other resources that went into producing the food.

Previous Webinars:

- Waste Note, Want Not: Reducing Food Waste in the Supply Chain
- A Tale of Three Retailers
- Tackling Food Waste in Your Company, from Climate Day 2018



Our Speakers



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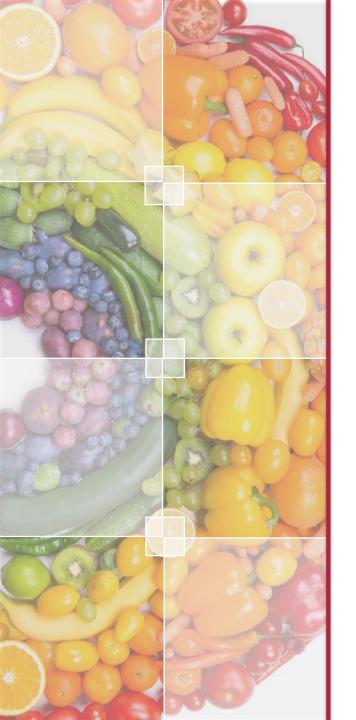


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Hot Topics and Policy Trends in U.S. Food Waste Law

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ABOUT FLPC

Provide legal and policy advice to nonprofits, government agencies, entrepreneurs, and other organizations on a range of food policy questions



Educate students about the role of law and policy in the food system



ADDRESSING FOOD WASTE: A TRIPLE-BOTTOM LINE OPPORTUNITY



People:

Recovering just 30%
 of wasted food could
 feed all food insecure
 Americans



Planet:

20% reduction could save
 1.6 trillion gallons of
 water and avoid 18 million
 tons of GHGs annually



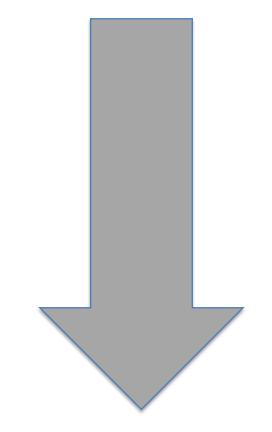
Profit:

 20% reduction could generate 15,000 new jobs and \$1.9 billion in annual business profit



NATIONAL FOOD WASTE REDUCTION GOAL:

50% REDUCTION BY 2030







FEDERAL POLICY LANDSCAPE

- S.1680/H.R.3444 Food Recovery Act of 2017
- H.R.952 Food Donation Act of 2017 and S.2787 Food Donation Act of 2018
- S.2824 Farm to Food Bank Act (2018)
- H.R.4425 Food and Farm Act (2017)
- H.R.2/S.3042 Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Farm Bill)
- S.3108/H.R.5298 Food Date Labeling Act of 2016
- Winning at Reducing Food Waste MOU (Oct 2018)
- National Food Waste 50% Reduction Goal (Sept 2015)







- House Draft Farm Bill (H.R.2)
 - Food Loss and Waste Liaison
- Senate Farm Bill (S.3042)
 - Grant Resources for Food Recovery Infrastructure Investments
 - Pilot Project to Support State/Local Food Waste Reduction
 Plans
 - Study on Food Waste
 - Spoilage Prevention
 - Milk Donation Program
 - Food Donation Standards for Liability Protections
 - Biogas Research and Adoption of Biogas Systems

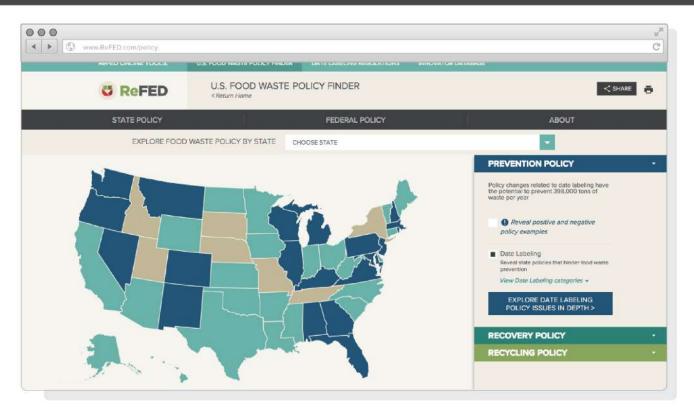


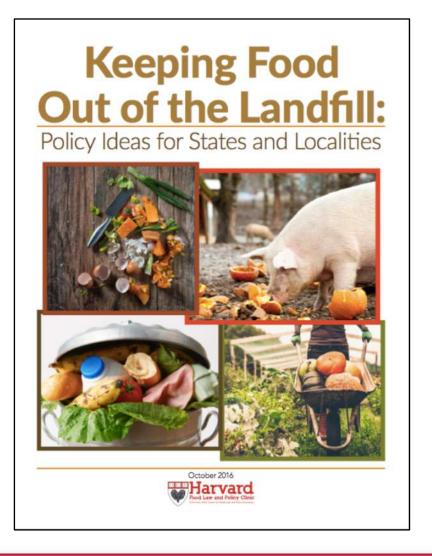




U.S. FOOD WASTE POLICY FINDER INSIGHTS

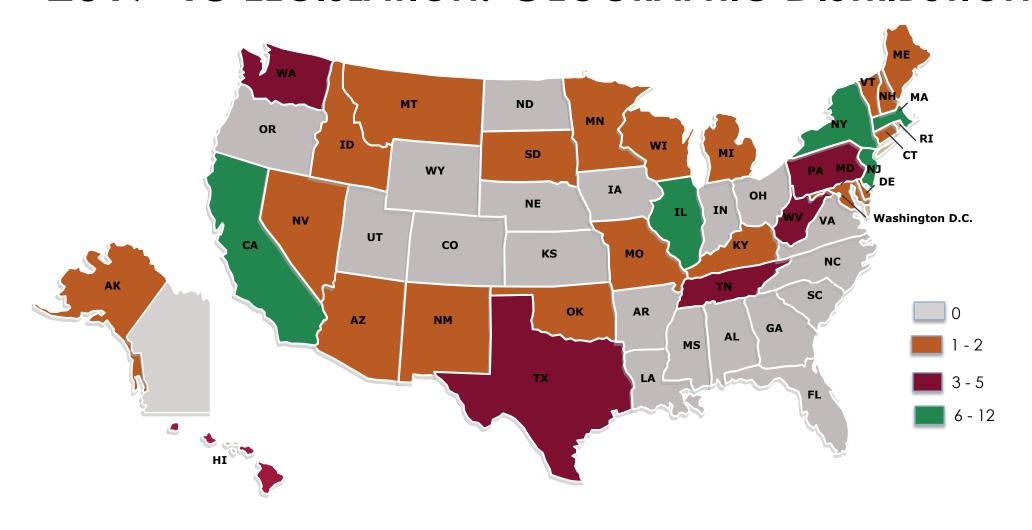
DISCOVER THE POLICIES THAT ACCELERATE THE MOVEMENT TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE





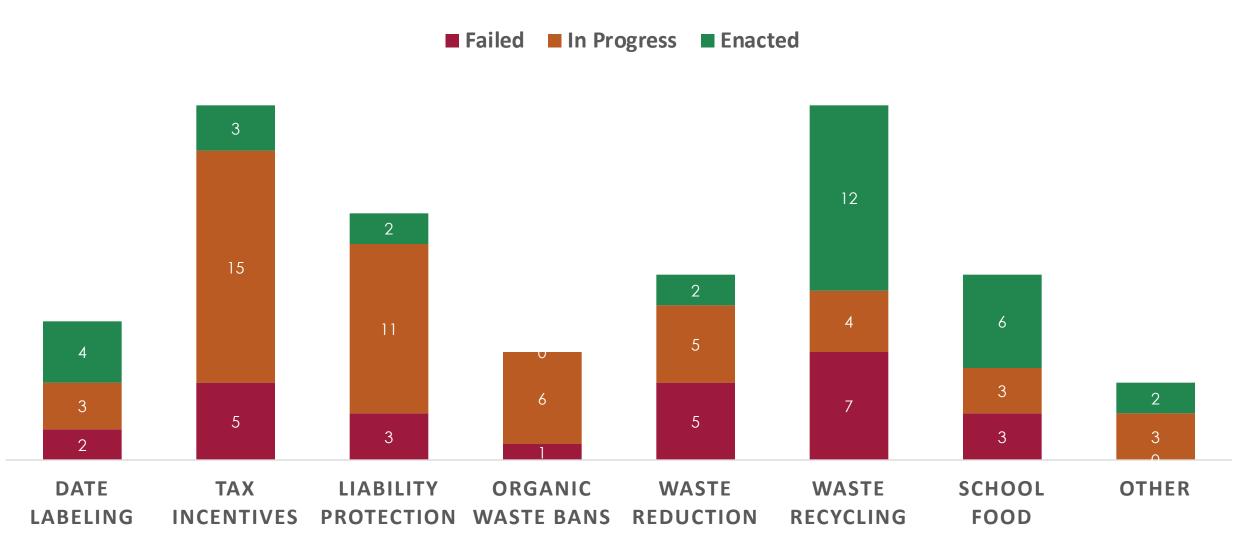


2017-18 LEGISLATION: GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION





TOP TRENDS IN INTRODUCED/ENACTED STATE LEGISLATION





DATE LABELS

Date labels are generally suggestions of peak quality

No federal definition or requirement for expiration dates

- FDA
 - Only requires date labels on infant formula
 - Does not regulate because dates not linked to safety
- USDA
 - Does not require any date label language
 - As of December 2016 recommends "best if used by" for quality label
- → Two problems: 1) state laws 2) consumer confusion





VOLUNTARY STANDARD

- FMI/GMA standard (Feb 2017); Consumer Goods Forum (July 2017)
 - "BEST If Used By" for quality
 - "USE By" for discard
- But
 - In over half of the states, state laws prevent compliance with the standard
 - Not <u>universal</u> some may use labels incorrectly
 - Education may not be complete









RECENTLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION: DATE LABELING (FEDERAL)

Food Recovery Act – Introduced

- 1) Standard labels
 - "BEST IF USED by" for quality
 - Quality date optional; if used must have the right language
 - "USE by" for safety
 - required on high risk, ready-to-eat foods
 - FDA/USDA create list of foods
- 2) Bans states from prohibiting sale or donation of foods past quality date
- 3) Requires FDA/USDA consumer educ.

New potential language (in discussion)

- Same as previously proposed legislation with these changes:
 - "Safety date" → "discard date"
 - Discard date = optional, if used must have the right language
 - eliminates FDA/USDA list of which foods should bear a discard label



RECENTLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION: DATE LABELING (STATE)

State:

- * CA AB954: Requiring Dept of Food and Agriculture to publish information to encourage food businesses to voluntarily use uniform terms on food product labels to communicate quality dates and safety dates ("BEST if used by" for quality, "USE by" for safety). (Enacted)
- **HI SB2554:** Requiring the Dept of Health to publish information that encourages food manufacturers, processors, and retailers to use standard terminology that clarifies food safety and quality dates when labeling food products
- AZ HB2464: Extending required expiration date label on eggs to forty-five days (from twenty four days) after candling. (Enacted)
- * NH SB491: Repealing a law that required date labeling on cream. (Enacted)



FEDERAL TAX INCENTIVES

General Deduction:

- Value
 - Basis Value of donated property
- Requirements
 - Used for charitable purpose
 - Recipient must be 501(c)(3)
 non-profit

Enhanced Deduction:

- Value
 - Almost double General Deduction
- Requirements
 - Recipient must be 501(c)(3) nonprofit
 - Used for care of ill, needy, or infants
 - Distributed free of charge
 - Written statement to donor
 - Food in compliance with FDCA



STATE TAX INCENTIVES (12 STATES)





RECENTLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION: TAX INCENTIVES

State:

- IL HB3301: Tax credit of 15% for qualified donation of a crop to a food bank or other charitable organization in the state.
- MA HB3327: Providing for a tax deduction for farming businesses that donate food crops, in the amount of the fair market value of the food (up to \$2000).
- MD HB0007/SB0182: Establishing a tax credit against state income tax for the costs of harvesting deer and donating the meat to certain organizations. (Enacted)
- * WV SB25: Tax credit of 10% of the value of the donated produce not to exceed \$2,500/year for donations from farm to a nonprofit organization (Enacted)



LIABILITY PROTECTIONS FOR FOOD DONATIONS

- Federal Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Act
 - Protects food donors, nonprofit organizations, gleaners from civil and criminal liability unless they act with gross negligence or intentional misconduct
- Requirements
 - Food must be donated to a nonprofit in good faith
 - Food must meet all fed/state/local quality and labeling requirements (or must be reconditioned to meet them)
 - Donated food must be distributed by the nonprofit to needy individuals
 - Need individuals receiving the food must not pay for it.





STATE LIABILITY PROTECTIONS (ALL 50 STATES)





RECENTLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION: LIABILITY PROTECTIONS

Federal: Food Donation Act

State:

- AK HB186: Expands liability protections for donors to any charitable organization.
 Expressly states protection applies to past-date foods. (Enacted)
- * CA AB1219: Clarifies existing liability protections, expands protections to past-date foods, gleaners, and direct donations from food facilities. Instructs that enforcement officers shall promote this in their normal inspections. (Enacted)
- RI SB2808: Provides liability protections to anyone donating wild game to a food bank.



ORGANIC WASTE BANS & RECYCLING LAWS

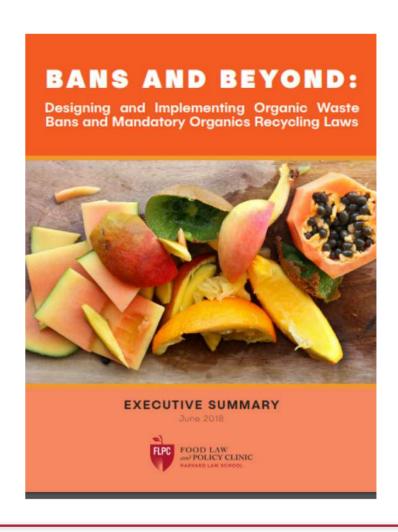




SNEAK PEEK: BANS AND BEYOND TOOLKIT

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RECENTLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION: ORGANIC WASTE BANS

Federal: Senate draft farm bill

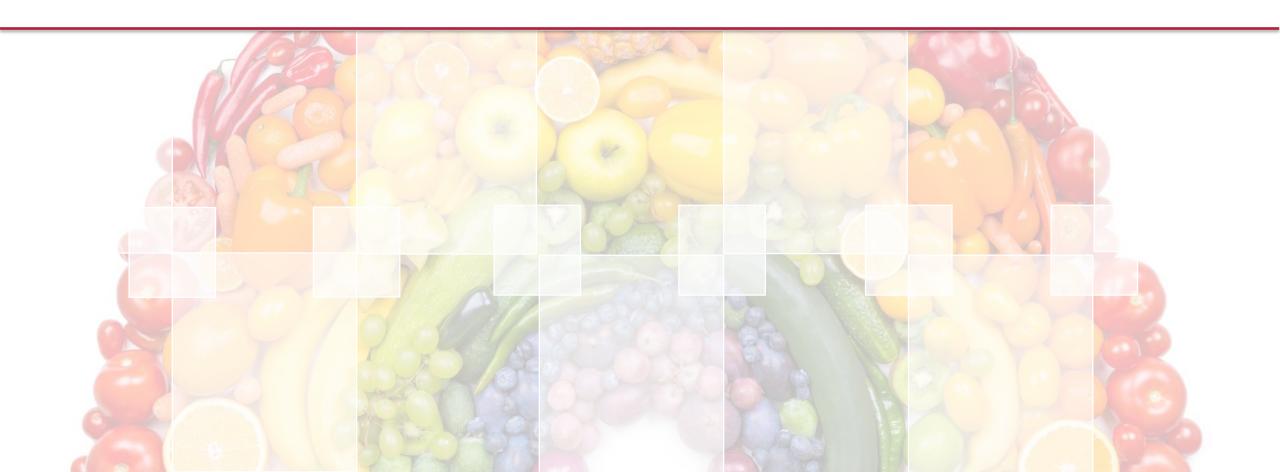
State

- * NJ A3726/S1206: Requires food waste generators within 25 miles of a food waste recycling facility and generating at least 104 tons/year to source separate and send their food waste to a food waste recycling facility.
- NY A6750/S7254: Requires mandatory donation of consumable food products; mandatory composting of appropriate materials; establishes the New York state excess food fund funded by fines collected from violations.
- WV HB2662: Prohibiting wasting hunted game when such game could be used for food.



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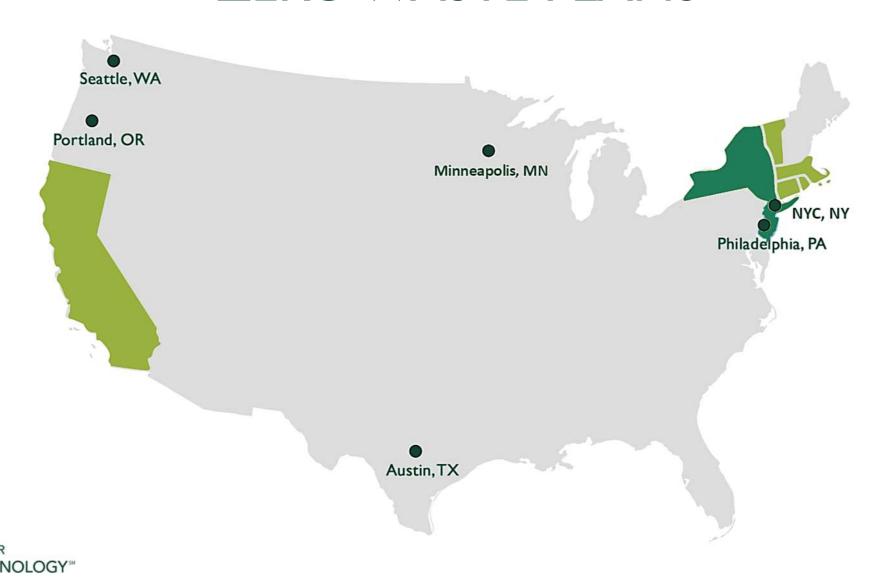


U.S FOOD WASTE Did you know?

- 30-40% is wasted
- Valued at \$165 billion annually
- Rotting food in landfills releases greenhouse gases

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DISPOSAL BANS & ZERO WASTE PLANS



TONNAGE THRESHOLDS



Massachusetts

I ton/week











THRESHOLDS

Supermarkets and Grocery Stores

Click here for a printable, fill-in version of this Commercial Food Waste Disposal Ban threshold estimation guide for supermarkets and grocery stores.

Average Measurement		Material	
Full Time Employees	3,000	lbs/employee/yr	Food waste
Disposed Waste	63	% of disposed waste by weight	Food waste

If you have 35 full-time employees, then:

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3,000 lbs/employee/year * 35 full-time employees = 105,000 lbs food waste generated/year

105,000 lbs/year ÷ 52 weeks/year = 2,019 lbs/week = 1 ton of food waste per week

If you fill 1 trash dumpster at 4 cubic yards 2 times per week, then:

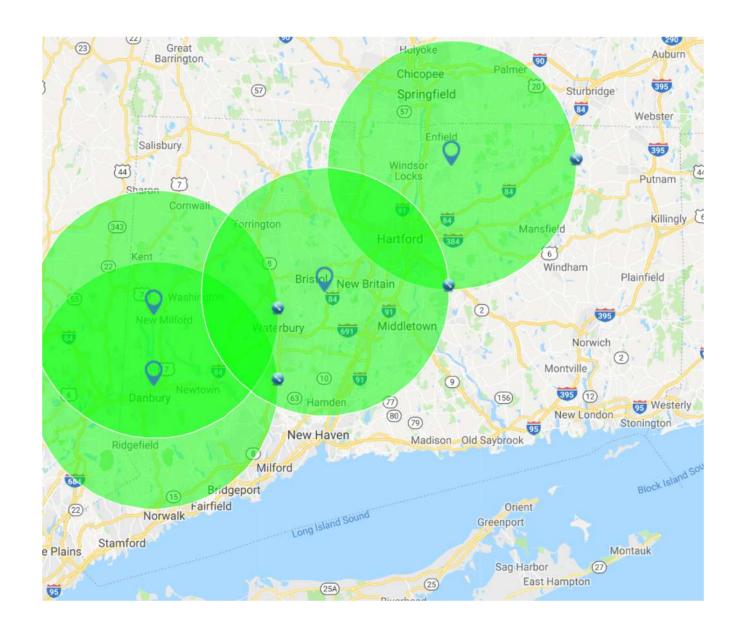
450 lbs * (1 trash dumpster * 4 yd^3 * 2 pickups/week) = 3,600 lbs of total disposed waste/week

3,600 lbs * 63% of total waste = 2,268 lbs/week = 1.1 tons of food waste in one week

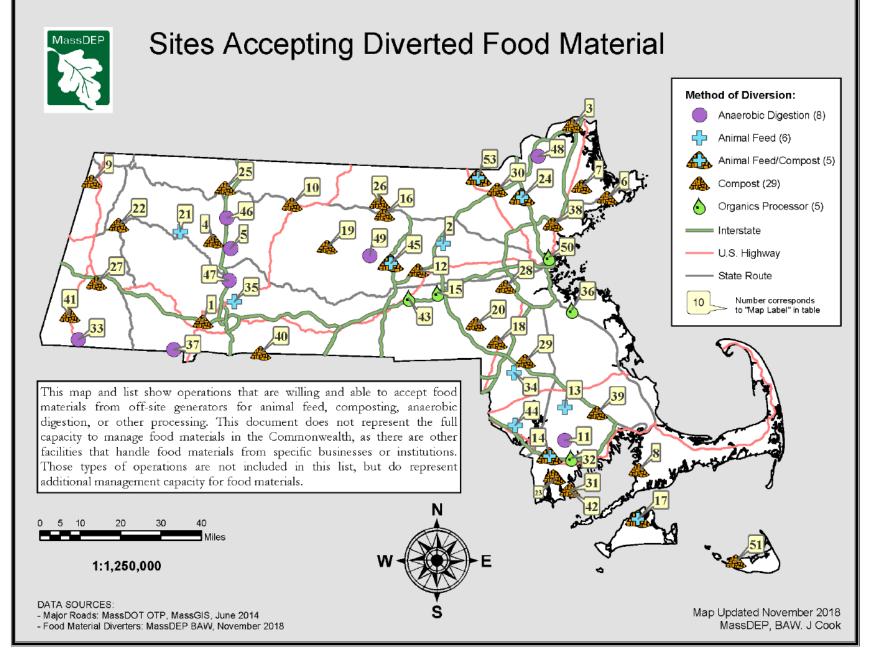




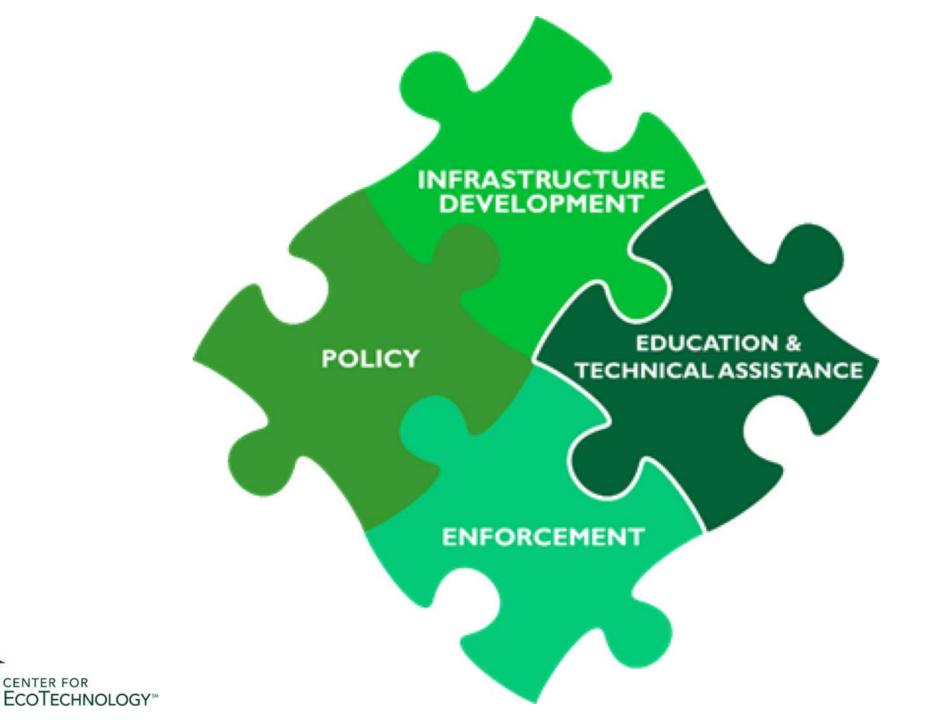
DISTANCETHRESHOLDS











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OUR APPROACH TO ADDRESSING WASTED FOOD



Source Reduction

Reduce the volume of surplus food generated

Donate extra food to food banks, soup kitchens, and shelters

Industrial Uses

Provide waste oils for rendering and fuel conversion and

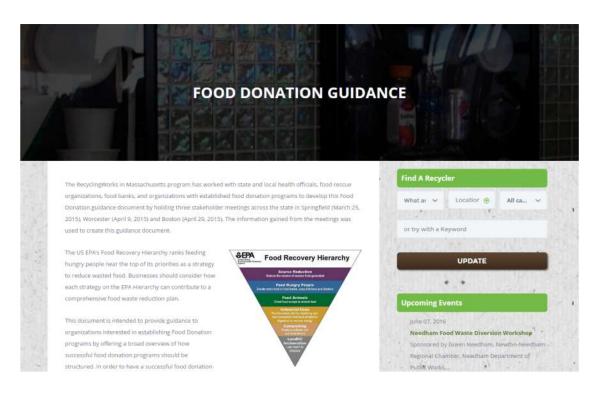
Composting

Create a nutrient-rich soil amendment

Last resort to disposal



FOOD WASTE GUIDANCE











- 16,000 tons of waste diverted annually
- 4.9 million meals donated
- \$3 million in savings





- Partnered with RW and CERO to compost food waste at 4 stores
- 234 tons
 composted
 annually

Cero



MANUFACTURING CASE STUDIES

Seafood Wholesaler in CT 78 tons diverted to animal feed

Baked Goods Manufacturer in MA 26 tons diverted to animal feed

Prepared Foods Manufacturer in MA 5,200 tons composted





DEPACKAGING FACILITIES



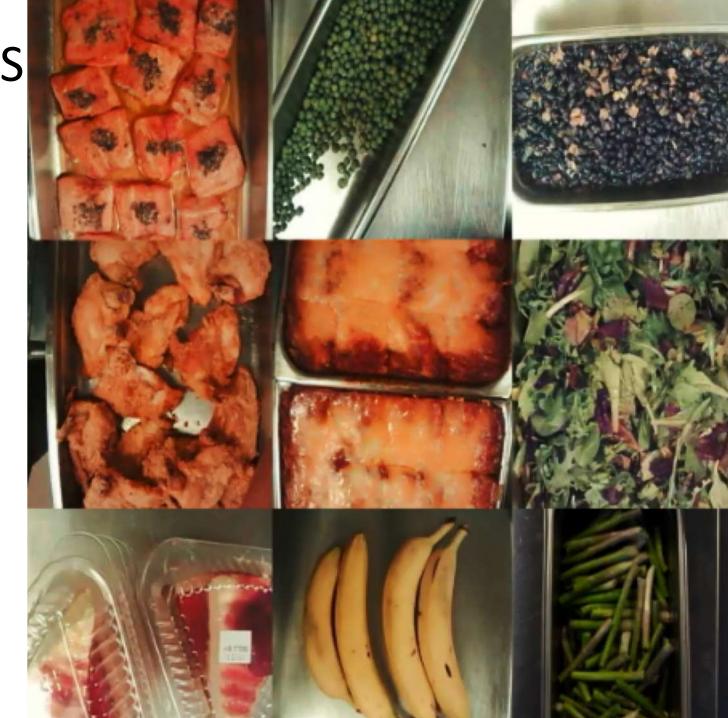
TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS





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Sysco[®] Boston

- Uses Spoiler Alert to inventory surplus food and connect with donation outlets
- 300,000 meals donated in 2017







IMPLAN Results

SUMMARY RESULTS BY SEGMENT, 2016

Impact Type	Haulers	Processors	Rescue Organizations	Total Impact
Employment	500	290	130	910
Labor Income (\$ millions)	\$25.6	\$15.8	\$ 5.4	\$46.8
Value Added (\$ millions)	\$42.9	\$25.8	\$8.1	\$76.8
Industry Activity (\$ millions)	\$101.5	\$58.0	\$15.1	\$174.6
State & Local Taxes (\$ millions)	\$3.1	\$1.8	\$0.5	\$5.4

Combined, the three industry segments supported over **900 total jobs**, representing a **150% increase** over the estimated 360 total jobs supported in 2010.



2018 CET IMPACT

Almost 10,000 tons of food waste diverted

5 million meals donated

6,900+ tons of carbon avoided





WASTED FOOD SOLUTIONS AND TOOLBOX



Source Reduction of Food Waste Best Management Practices

The Center for EcoTechnology (CET) developed this original document under contract to MassDEP as part of MassDEP's RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts program. This best management practice is for the source reduction of food waste at institutional foodservice



operations. CET and MassDEP interviewed universities and colleges, hospitals, corporate cafeterias, and other foodservice operations, as well as providers of waste-tracking services. Stakeholders were interviewed on their strategies for reducing wasted food. In addition, two stakeholder meetings were held for additional feedback. The information gained from interviews and stakeholder meetings was used to create this guidance document.



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MUNICIPALITIES:

NEW LEADERSHIP ON FOOD WASTE ACTION



NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

WHAT MOTIVATES CITIES?

WASTE MANAGEMENT CONCERNS
FOOD INSECURITY
CLIMATE GOALS

WHAT CAN STAND IN THE WAY?



- ACCESS TO BASIC DATA
- LACK OF CAPACITY
- KNOWING WHERE TO START

AND 80%+ = CONSUMERS AND BIZ

CITIES ARE TAKING ACTION



NRDC's FOOD MATTERS Project

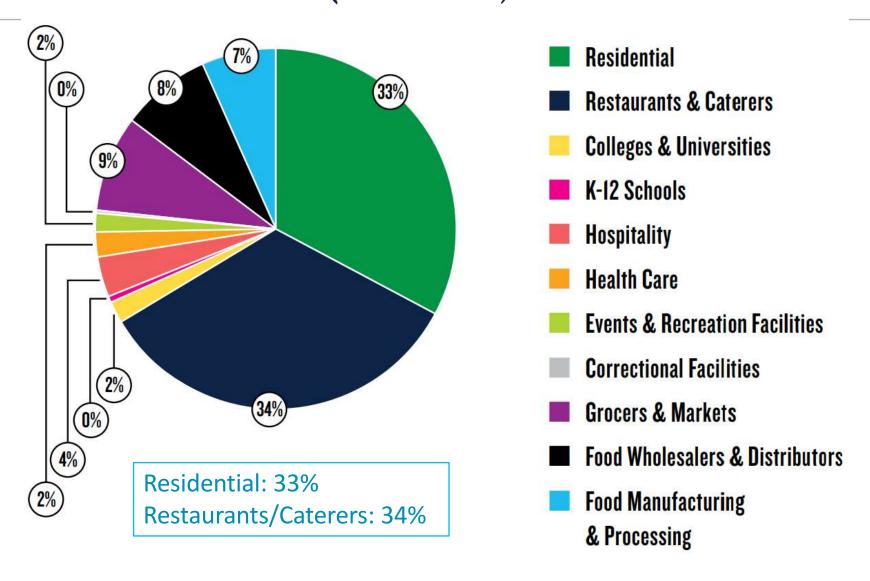
Goal: Position the cities we work with to achieve a 15 percent reduction in food waste levels within five years, while laying a foundation for other cities to replicate successful strategies.

Deep dives in Denver and Baltimore

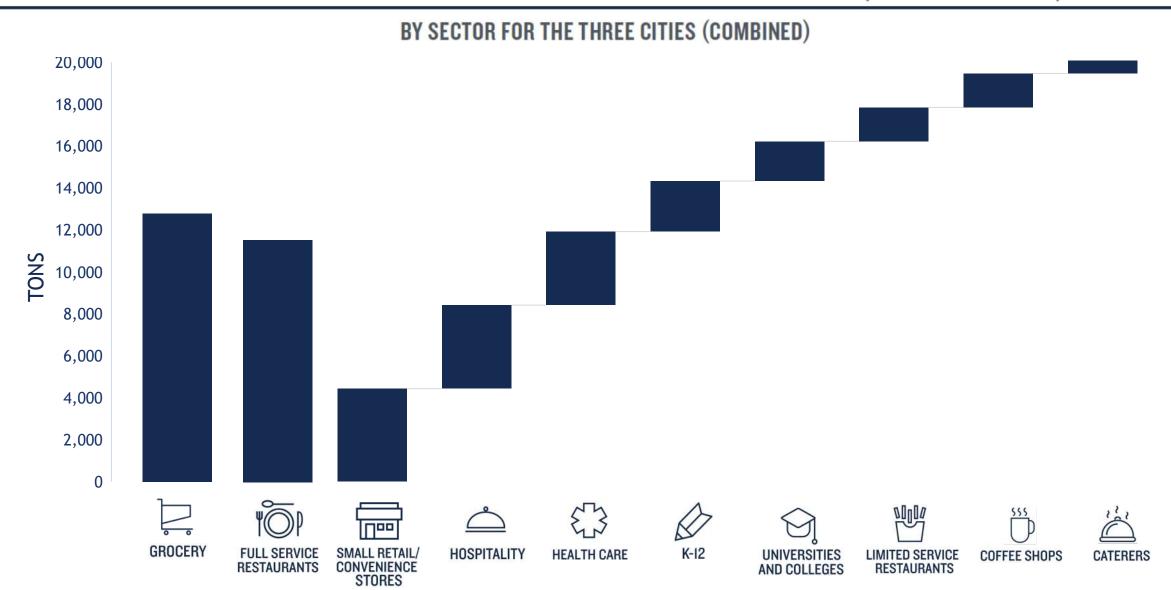
Plus New York City, Nashville, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, Honolulu, etc.



DETERMINE HOW MUCH FOOD IS WASTED AND WHERE (Nashville)



UNTAPPED POTENTIAL FOR ADDITIONAL FOOD RESCUE (TON PER YEAR)



WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF OPTIMIZING FOOD DONATION?

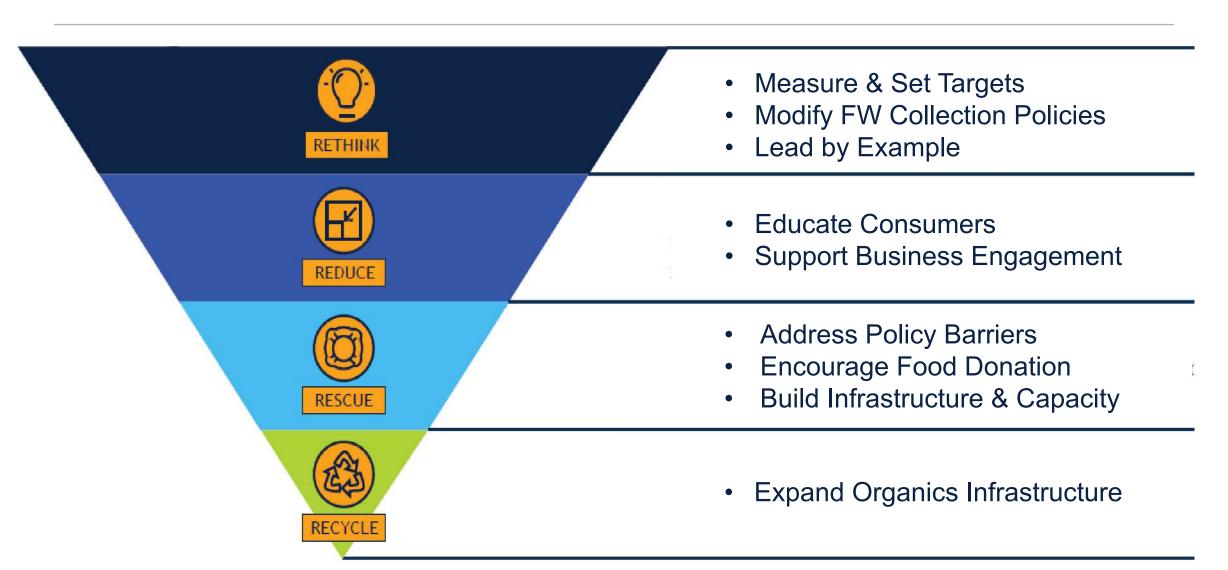






ANNUAL FOOD NEEDS

NRDC'S APPROACH TO TACKLING FOOD WASTE IN CITIES



WHY BUSINESSES NEED CITIES TO SUCCEED

- Increase availability of composting infrastructure
- Encourage rather than discourage food donation
- More consistent health regulations on food donation across jurisdictions
- Prevention can be harder for biz and city govt, but key to cost savings, GHG reductions, reduced demand for landfill and right-sized recycling infrastructure

- Cities need to hear your concerns and objectives for food donation and recycling.
- City support and celebration of success with food waste prevention.

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DEMONSTRATE YOUR LEADERSHIP

WE WASTE

40% OF THE FOOD PRODUCED IN AMERICA.

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LET'S SAVE THE FOOD

The good news: there's something we can do. The better news: it's easy. And we've already got everything we need—it's right in the refrigerator. Let's do this.

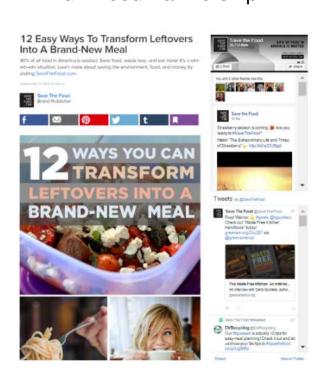
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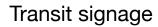
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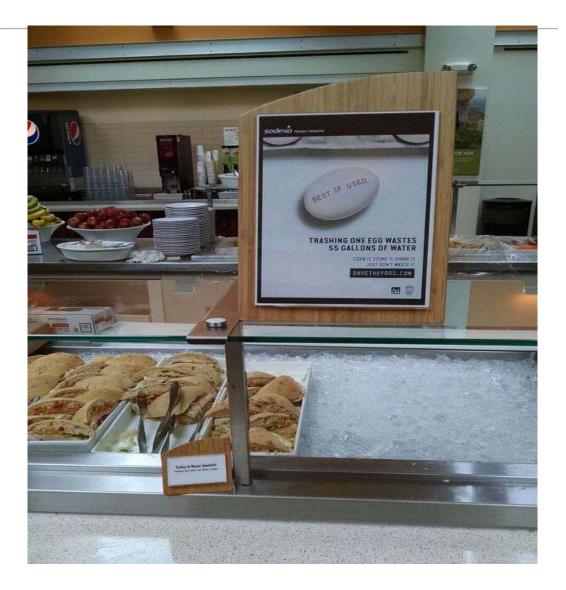


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Retail and Foodservice Applications





Save The Food to date...

- \$75 million in donated media
- 1.8 billion media impressions
- 50% awareness among Millennials
- 37% awareness among Moms
- Those aware more likely to discuss with friends, seek/share info, use tech to help, and report wasting less food

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Discussion



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