



U.S. EPA - <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/donating-food>

The Composting Council Research and Education Foundation

<http://compostfoundation.org/toolkits-resources>

Feed the World –The Institute for Self-Reliant Agriculture – self-reliance, sustainable farming, lasting impact.

www.feedtheworld.org

Feeding America – Mission is to feed America’s hungry through a nationwide network of member food banks and engage our country in the fight to end hunger.

www.feedingamerica.org

Greater Chicago Food Depository – a nonprofit food distribution and training center that provides food for hungry people while striving to end hunger in Cook County.

www.chicagofoodbank.org

Northern Illinois Food Bank - Feeding Hungry Neighbors in Northern Illinois, Solving hunger by providing nutritious meals to those in need in Boone, DuPage, DeKalb, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Will & Winnebago counties.

www.solvehungertoday.org

Food Bus - The mission of Food Bus is to promote food recovery for the sake of alleviating hunger by collecting unused and unopened food leftover from elementary school lunches and distributing it to food pantries.

www.FoodBus.org

Food Rescue – Partnerships for K-12 schools to rescue good food to donate. Approximately 1 billion food items are thrown away in K-12 schools in the US each year, food that is “good” and 1/6 families are in need.

<http://www.foodrescue.net/k12-food-rescue.html#sthash.Lj8jiKxX.dpuf>

www.FoodRescue.net

Fresh Taste - is an initiative by twelve Chicago-region foundations working together to relocalize the Chicago foodshed and improve equity of access to good food.

www.FreshTaste.org

Zero Percent – Uses an app system to have commercial kitchens and caterers donate food to support neighborhood hunger relief efforts. Click [here](#) to make a cash donation to a neighborhood charity and support food rescue. Click [here](#) to donate food right now.

NOTE: The food should come from a commercial kitchen. For events and catering, please contact us a week ahead of the event.

<http://www.zeropercent.us/>

Ample Harvest helps 42 million home and community gardeners end food waste and hunger by educating and enabling them to donate their excess garden produce to one of [7,726](#) nearby food pantries across America. Share bounty with others.

www.ampleharvest.org

Illinois Food Scrap Coalition - provides the We Compost program to recognize businesses and schools that compost food waste, as well as connects with the major players involved in the composting process, from generation to transportation to processing and end product. “Food Scrap Composting Challenges and Solutions in Illinois Report”.

www.illinoiscomposts.org

Books

“**American Wasteland**”, by Jonathan Bloom, www.wastedfood.com

“**Waste-Free Kitchen Handbook: A Guide to Eating Well and Saving Money By Wasting Less Food**”, by Dana Gunders

Media

· “**Just Eat It - A Food Waste Story**”, British Columbia’s Knowledge Network
www.foodwastemovie.com

· “**Trashed**”, OXI Productions, LLC, <http://trashedmovie.com>

[The Extraordinary Life and Times of Strawberry](#) - The first NRDC/Ad Council PSA in a series.

[Last Week Tonight with John Oliver: Food Waste](#) – John Oliver discusses the shocking amount of food we don’t eat.

The following resources are provided by FreshTaste.org

ReFED – *The Roadmap to Reduce U.S. Food Waste by 20 Percent*
www.ReFED.com

[Full Report](#)

[Executive Summary](#)

[Website](#) - includes analysis and additional downloads

<http://www.refed.com/?sort=economic-value-per-ton>

[JoAnne Berkenkamp – PowerPoint presentation about ReFED from May 19, 2016](#)

National Legislation:

[Press release about standardized date labeling legislation, introduced on 05-18-16](#)

IL legislation:

HB5530 – Amends the Procurement Code. Provides that after the effective date of the amendatory Act, a public entity shall not enter into a contract to purchase food with a bidder or offeror if the bidder's or offeror's contract terms prohibit the public entity from donating food to food banks, including, but not limited to homeless shelters, food pantries, and soup kitchens. Amends the school code to make a similar change. Effective immediately - 2016

<http://ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=5530&GAID=13&GA=99&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=94939&SessionID=88>

Publications & Documents:

[Wasted: How America Is Losing Up to 40 Percent of Its Food from Farm to Fork to Landfill](#), NRDC, August 2012

[How 'Ugly' Fruits and Vegetables Can Help Solve World Hunger](#), *National Geographic*, March 2016

Beyond Beauty: The Opportunities and Challenges of Cosmetically Imperfect Produce
<http://ngfn.org/resources/ngfn-cluster-calls/beyond-beauty>

Report #1 – [Survey Results from Minnesota Produce Growers exploring the possibilities for expanding market opportunities for cosmetically imperfect fruits and vegetables](#), May 2015.

Report #2 – [Interview findings with Minnesota Produce Growers exploring the possibilities for expanding market opportunities for cosmetically imperfect fruits and vegetables](#), October 2015

Report #3 – [Fresh Cut Processing and Food Service Distribution](#), April 2016

[EPA U.S. 2030 Food Loss & Waste Reduction Goal: A Call to Action by Stakeholders Cover Letter for EPA Call to Action](#) (linked directly above)

Report #4 - Hunger Relief Report - <http://ngfn.org/resources/ngfn-database/Beyond%20Beauty%20-%20Hunger%20Relief%20Report.pdf>

Report #5 - Collegiate Food Service Report - <http://ngfn.org/resources/ngfn-database/Beyond%20Beauty%20-%20Foodservice%20report.pdf>

Websites/Online Articles

[Save the Food](#) – a new website from NRDC and the Ad Council

[USDA Food Keeper app: Your Tool for Smart Food Storage](#)

[EPA Sustainable Management of Food](#)

[Will Denmark Win The Global Race Against Food Waste?](#)

[After One Year, Mass. Commercial Food Waste Disposal Ban Gets Results](#)

[Lessons Learned from the Massachusetts Food Waste Ban](#)

[Will a Ban on Food in Landfills Finally Spur Maine to Boost Recycling?](#)

[How One State is Banning Unused Food From Landfills and Giving It to the Hungry](#)

[Tossing Out Food In The Trash? In Seattle, You'll Be Fined For That](#)

Blog – theplate.nationalgeographic.com

