

## Food Waste Reduction and Recovery

## More Resources!

**General:** ReFED ([www.refed.com](http://www.refed.com)) is funded by a number of foundations and provides a comprehensive approach to meeting clear food waste reduction goals. Material on the web site will be most useful to farmers and other food system businesses, community benefit organizations involved in food system issues, governments and advocates for policy changes in how we deal with food waste. The 2016 report is comprehensive; the glossary from it is printed in this packet.

There are many, many resources for learning about food waste and developing strategies for preventing and dealing with it for different organizations. Lots of them are aggregated on this site: <https://furtherwithfood.org/> Note that you can sort by audience on this site, making it a little less overwhelming.

Ample Harvest and Green Faith teamed up for the first Food Waste Weekend in September 2016. In 2019 it's September 6-8. Sign up here <http://foodwasteweekend.org/> to be kept informed. How will you celebrate it? A food waste audit? Gleaning? Preserving the fall bounty? There are also sample sermons from many faiths on the website.

**Reduction:** If your congregation has a school, check out SCrAP.

<https://erefndn.org/school-cafeteria-waste/> The program includes learning activities and a chance to get free educational materials, as well as the practical goal of reducing food waste.

Save the Food is a campaign by the Ad Council and the Natural Resources Defense Council.

<http://savethefood.com/> Visit the site for all sorts of information useful in educating your congregation about food waste. Download a poster for your bulletin board, include a fact or tip about reducing food waste in your newsletter, or feature a dish using often discarded food (really!) at a coffee hour, reception or potluck.

<http://www.stopwaste.org/> a public agency in Alameda County, contains ideas for reducing food waste in households. Some of the information on food waste for businesses would also apply to congregations.

Grace Communications/Ecocentric has many food system resources including a section on waste.

<http://www.gracelinks.org/2244/food-waste> Check out their "Taste It! Don't Waste It!" section with many tips and recipes for households that would also apply to congregational meals and community feeding programs. (Resource editor's note: Very comprehensive from a cook's perspective, except they left out gelatin made with leftover coffee.) [http://www.gracelinks.org/blog/tag/taste\\_not\\_waste](http://www.gracelinks.org/blog/tag/taste_not_waste)

**Recovery:** Find a food rescue organization near you - anywhere in the USA - here: <http://sustainableamerica.org/foodrescue/>

There are currently no master food preserver programs in the counties served by ISFC. Check here for nearby programs which sometimes accept participants from other locales. :

[http://mfp.ucanr.edu>Contact/Find\\_a\\_Program/](http://mfp.ucanr.edu>Contact/Find_a_Program/)

Sonoma County Food Recovery Coalition has a site useful for individual and institutional donors of surplus food as well as program recipients. <https://ucanr.edu/sites/SCRFC/>

*See the handout on gleaning in this packet for more information and links.*

**Policy:** The University of Arkansas School of Law and Harvard University Law School have collaborated with their initiatives of food waste.

The University of Arkansas School of Law Food Recovery Project:

<https://law.uark.edu/service-outreach/food-recovery-project/index.php>

You can track other developments at the Harvard Law Food Law and Policy Clinic here:

<https://www.chlpi.org/food-law-and-policy/about/> or on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/harvardflpc>

Here is important background for those advocating for reform of food policy related to food waste:

[http://www.chlpi.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Food-Waste-Toolkit\\_Oct-2016.pdf](http://www.chlpi.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Food-Waste-Toolkit_Oct-2016.pdf)

Farmers and congregations working with them will find a full report on food waste and animals:

[http://www.chlpi.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Leftovers-for-Livestock\\_A-Legal-Guide\\_August-2016.pdf](http://www.chlpi.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Leftovers-for-Livestock_A-Legal-Guide_August-2016.pdf)

The California legislature is working to make food recovery easier and to improve the diversion of surplus food from the waste stream. Here's one place to look for current information.

<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/Food/>