



Join EPA's Food Recovery Challenge

And...Take A Bite Out of Food Waste!



Save money, get recognized, and reduce your environmental footprint by joining
EPA's Food Recovery Challenge (FRC).

What is the Food Recovery Challenge? A new EPA initiative where participants commit to reducing food waste reaching landfills through prevention, donation, composting and/or anaerobic digestion.

Why Join?

- ✓ **Improve your bottom line** through cost savings from reduced purchasing and waste fees
- ✓ **Support your community** by feeding people, not landfills
- ✓ **Reduce your environmental impact** and greenhouse gas emissions
- ✓ **Get recognized** for your innovative work
- ✓ **Receive technical assistance** to complete your baseline assessment and undertake food waste reduction activities
 - EPA's free waste tracking system (<https://my.re-trac.com/NewWasteWisePartner.pm>)
 - EPA's [Food Waste Management Cost Calculator](#) and other free tools
 - [Sustainable Food Management Webinar Series](#)
 - Clearinghouse of information on food waste reduction and recovery activities

**Please join a special webinar for colleges and universities
October 9th at 10 a.m. to learn more about the Challenge**

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How to Join?

1. **Sign Up** in WasteWise (<https://my.re-trac.com/NewWasteWisePartner.pm>)
 - Once you are a WasteWise partner, you can join the *Food Recovery Challenge* by signing into WasteWise Re-TRAC, clicking on "Organization Information", and selecting the "Food Recovery Challenge" checkbox.
2. **Assess It!** Conduct a baseline food waste assessment within 60 days of joining and enter into EPA's waste tracking system, Re-TRAC
3. **Commit to It!** Set a three year goal for reducing the amount of food waste reaching landfills
 - Year One: Commit to at least a 5% increase in at least one of the three food diversion categories (prevention, donation, and composting)
 - Years Two and Three: Set site-specific numerical targets based on opportunities at your facility
4. **Do It!** Undertake food recovery activities to meet your goals and reduce food reaching landfills
5. **Track It!** Report progress annually using EPA's waste tracking system, Re-TRAC

Questions?

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