

# Environmental Policies to Prevent Food Waste



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# Key Federal Laws Regarding Food Waste

- **Legal Protection**
  - Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Act of 1996 encourages individuals or businesses to donate food to nonprofits by minimizing liability.
- **Fiscal Policy**
  - Under U.S. Tax Code, corporations are able to deduct wholesome food donations from their tax liability (up to 15% of a donor's net income).
- **Solid Waste/Resource Conservation Authorities**
  - Under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Congress directed EPA to promote and advance resource conservation and recovery.
  - RCRA delegates regulatory authority of non-hazardous waste, such as food waste to the states.



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# EPA's Approach to the Sustainable Management of Food

- Set national goals, priorities, and measurement for reducing food loss and waste.
- Create voluntary, incentive-based programs to spur action.
- Develop tools and resources.
- Work with state, local, tribal governments to assist and support sustainable management of food practices and regulations.
- Build public-private partnerships and coalitions to promote action.

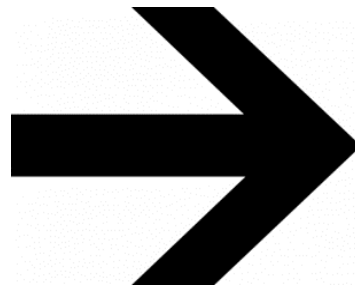


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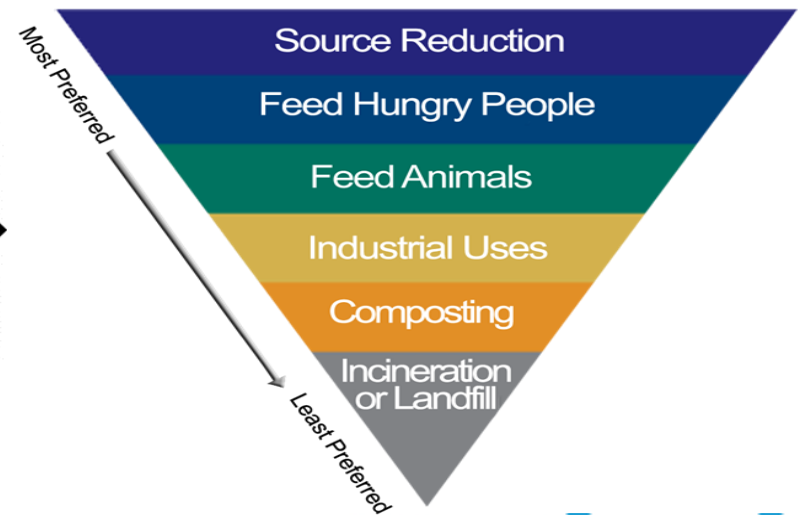
# Priorities, Measurement & Goal Setting

- EPA's Food Waste Hierarchy
- EPA's Facts and Figures Report
- **2030 Food Loss and Waste 50% Reduction Goal** (*to be continued*)
- **Call to Action** (*to be continued*)

From Waste....



To a Resource



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# Setting Goals: U.S. 2030 Food Loss & Waste Reduction Goal



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# Setting Priorities: A Call to Action



## Sustainable Management of Food

### A Call to Action by Stakeholders: United States Food Loss & Waste 2030 Reduction Goal

The federal government, led by EPA and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is seeking to work with communities, organizations and businesses along with our partners in state, tribal and local government to reduce food loss and waste by 50 percent over the next 15 years. As an important stride in reaching the 2030 food reduction goal, EPA hosted the [Food Recovery Summit](#)<sup>Exit</sup> where organizations across the food chain, from manufacturers to consumers, met to discuss the key challenges in reducing food loss and waste. Based on this summit and continued input, EPA, USDA and stakeholders from across the food chain have developed a collaborative Call to Action, which identifies current opportunities and challenges in reducing food loss and waste in the United States.

#### On this page:

- [Objectives](#)
- [Key Activities Identified by Stakeholders](#)
- [Opportunities and Actions Identified by Stakeholders](#)

#### Helpful Links

- Join the [Food Recovery Challenge](#) and benefit from EPA's technical assistance to set specific quantitative food-waste goals and attain them!
- Join the [U.S. Food Waste Challenge](#), and post activities/objectives your organization will undertake in the next year to reduce, recover, and recycle food waste in the United States.
- Check out the recent conference we co-hosted with Harvard Law School on June 28-29, 2016. [Reduce and Recover: Save Food For People](#)<sup>Exit</sup>



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# Setting Priorities: A Call to Action

## Key Activities Identified:

1. Seek Prevention Strategies
2. Increase Public Awareness
3. Improve the Data
4. Forge New Partnerships and Expand the Existing Ones
5. Clarify Date Labels and Food Safety
6. Build Food Loss and Waste Infrastructures



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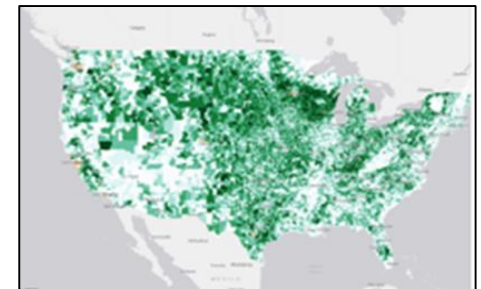
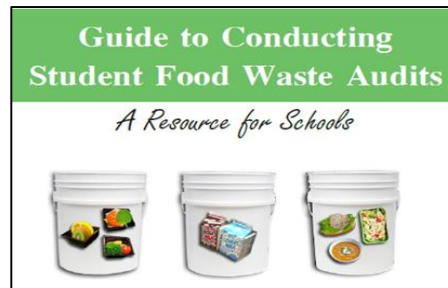
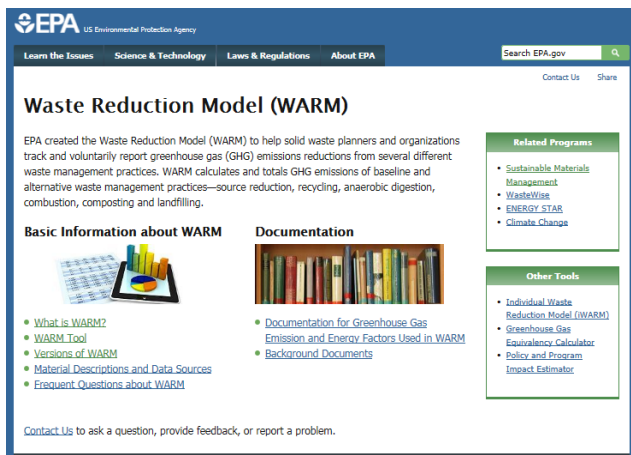
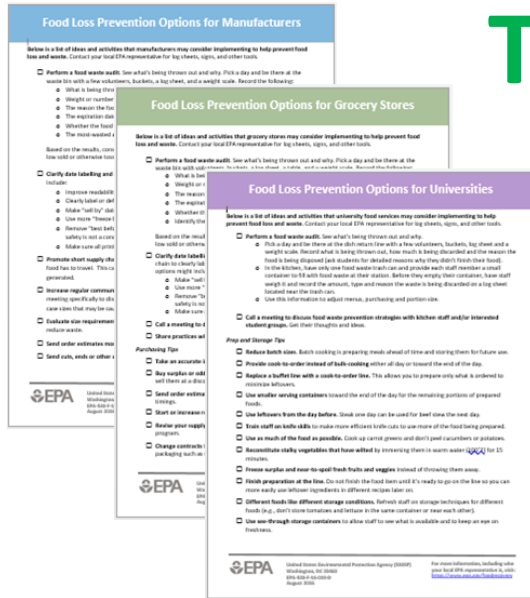
# Voluntary, Incentive-Based Programs



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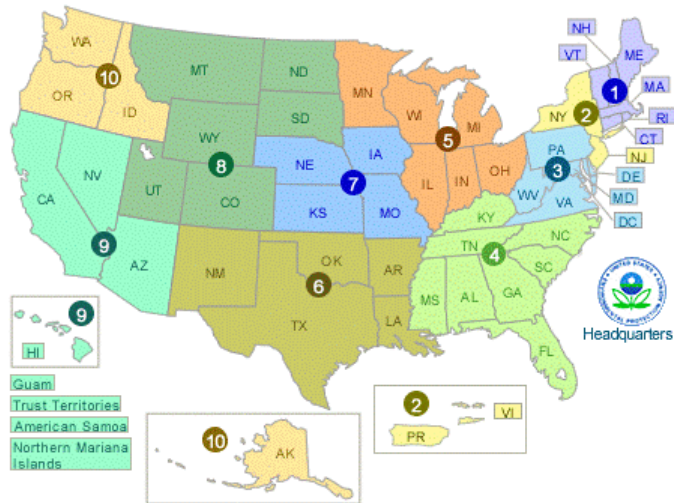
# Tools and Resources



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# Working with State, Local, and Tribal Governments



States have been on the forefront of addressing organic and food waste.

- Implementing Organic Landfill Bans
- Encouraging Donations
- Investing in Food Recovery
- Expanding Food Recovery Options



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# Coalition Building and Stakeholder Engagement

- National Virtual Resource Center
- Food Summits and Workshops
- Call to Action
- International Work



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# EPA's Path forward

- Strengthen consumer oriented messaging
- Work with states and industry to focus efforts
- Recognize leaders in the business world
- Continue to develop new tools
- Convene key stakeholders



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# Thank you!

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