

SERVICES & RESOURCES

Donation (Food-to-People)

Emergency Food Shelf Network Heartland

Phone: (763) 450-3860

Hope for the City

Phone: (952) 897-7799

Second Harvest

Phone: (651) 484-5117

<http://www.secondharvest.org>

Food-to-Livestock

Options Vary by Location

Contact Minnesota Waste Wise for food-to-livestock options in your area.

Composting/Organics Recycling

Randy's Sanitation

Phone: (763) 972-3335

<http://www.randyssanitation.com>

Various Metro Haulers

Contact your hauler to see if they will haul organics

Livestock Feed Manufacturers

Endres Services, Inc.

Contact: Dottie Shay

Phone: (651) 438-3113

<http://www.endresprocessing.com>

FOOD WASTE

MANAGEMENT OF FOOD WASTE – REDUCE, DONATE, AND RECYCLE

- Keep records and use data from previous years to manage inventory
- Offer a variety of portion sizes
- Get the most from your ingredients
 - Avoid cutting away too much produce with peels
 - Use garnishes people like to eat
- Store ingredients or prepared items in a manner that will allow extras to be kept for future use
- Avoid opening several packages of a product
- Replace paper towels and napkins with reusable options and/or hand dryers

DISPOSAL OPTIONS

Businesses have four options to recycle food waste: donating to community programs, food-to-livestock, composting/organics recycling, and food-to-livestock feed. Businesses are encouraged to consider factors such as type of waste produced, feasibility of sorting waste on site, storage space for bins, and amount of waste produced.

Donating to community programs includes perishable and non-perishable food fit for human consumption. Local food shelves are always in need of food.

Food-to-livestock includes food scraps such as food prep waste, unserved buffet or catered items, plate waste, unpackaged spoiled, outdated food, or frozen food. Some livestock feeders cannot accept meat or meat by-products.

Composting/organics recycling includes all food waste (including meat and bones), all soiled paper products (paper cups and plates, paper towels, napkins, milk and juice cartons, parchment paper, coffee filters, teabags, and waxed cardboard boxes), floral trimmings, plants, paper vacuum bags, and certified compostable plastic serveware.

Food-to-livestock feed includes unserved menu items and buffet foods, unserved food from catered events, food prep waste, plate waste, spoiled or outdated food, and frozen food. No meat or meat by-products are accepted.

FACTS & FIGURES

- Food waste makes up about 12% of the solid waste stream
- Reducing and Recycling food waste can:
 - Decrease solid waste disposal costs
 - Decrease water use, sewer treatment, and electricity costs from food going down the drain
 - Create nutrient rich soil for plant growth
 - Create a food source for animals
 - Provide food for those in need while obtaining charitable tax credit
 - Sustain local industries and jobs

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