



GET FOOD SMART TN QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Winter 2023 Edition



Hi friends,

Winter has arrived and, with it, frosty temperatures and the winter holidays! As you gather with family, friends, and communities, maybe you can share a recipe that uses up food scraps or some home composting tips. If you want to give back this winter season, kindly consider donating to your local food bank or volunteering your time to reduce food insecurity. Visit [Feeding America](#) to learn more.

We have some awesome upcoming events to share along with some nifty food waste resources for you. We are excited to continue preventing food waste in the New Year with you!

Thanks,

Joelle Ciriacy

UPCOMING EVENTS



Food Drive Across All
Tennessee Driver
Service Centers

***December 4, 2023 -
January 31, 2024***

Drop off non-
perishable food items
to a Driver Service
Center [near you](#).

[Learn More](#)



COMPOST 2024

February 6-9, 2024

The US Composting
Council is hosting
their 2024 conference

SAVE *The* DATE
APRIL 1-7, 2024

FOOD WASTE
Prevention
Week

INSPIRE PEOPLE TO
 REDUCE FOOD WASTE AT
 HOME, AT WORK, AND IN
 OUR COMMUNITIES

WWW.FOODWASTEPREVENTIONWEEK.COM

REGISTER HERE

2023 IMPACT

<p>OVERALL U.S. REACH</p> <p>19.2M</p> <p>Facebook & Twitter 342% Increase over 2022</p>	<p>600+</p> <p>PARTNERS</p>	<p>18</p> <p>IN-PERSON EVENTS ATTENDED BY 1500+ PEOPLE</p>
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in Dayton Beach,
 Florida.

[Learn More](#)



Knoxville Backyard
 Composting Workshop

February 17, 2024

Join the UT
 Agriculture Extension
 Office in Knoxville to
 learn about
 composting in your
 backyard. Tickets
 available February 2,
 2024.

[Learn More](#)

Save the Date, April 1-7, for Food Waste Prevention Week 2024 (#FWPW24). We invite you to register to become a 2024 partner of Food Waste Prevention Week at

www.FoodWastePreventionWeek.com. Partner with us to reduce food waste and food insecurity by using our [communication tool kit](#), hosting an in-person event, and more! Partner information sessions will be offered in January and February of 2024, visit the [Partner Portal](#) for updates.

As part of FWPW, we will again be partnering with UT Extension offices to host the 3rd Annual Statewide Food Drive, planned for April 1-14th, 2024. Our 2nd annual event was highly successful with 44 locations participating across Tennessee, collecting over 17,700 pounds of food donations. Sign up [here](#) by February 28th if you are interested in becoming a Statewide Food Drive drop-off location ([FAQs can be found here](#)).

The 2024
 ReFED Food Waste
 Solutions Summit

June 11-13, 2024 • Baltimore, MD

[#FoodWasteSummit24](#)

ReFED Food Waste
 Solutions Summit

June 11-13, 2024

Learn and connect
 with food waste
 professions at this
 summit in Baltimore,
 MD. Early registration
 ends January 19th.
 Scholarships are

Looking forward to partnering with you for a great #FWPW24 event!

NIEDLOV'S

BAKERY & CAFÉ

FOOD HERO HIGHLIGHT

Niedlov's Bakery & Cafe

Nestled in downtown Chattanooga is a composting champion, local sourcing advocate, and social responsibility leader that has been serving up goodness for over 20 years. Niedlov's Bakery & Café was founded on a passion for naturally leavened whole grain breads in 2002. Erik and Lauren Zilen bought the business in 2015 and have continued to build a reputation of sustainability. "Creativity, responsible growth, intentional stewardship, and wholistic hospitality" are central to Niedlov's mission.

[READ MORE](#)

FOOD WASTE RECIPE

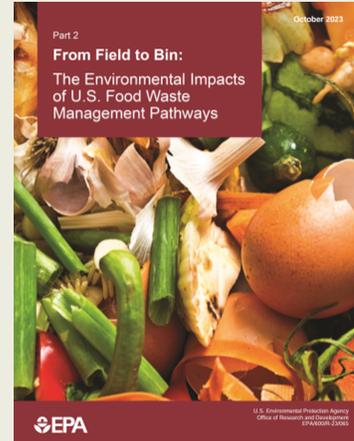
Whatever-you-got Party Mix

Spruce up a stale bag of pretzels and some mixed nuts to create everyone's new favorite party mix. Pro tip: substitute all or some of the prezel nuggets for any other type of pretzel, pita chips, or a neutrally-flavored breakfast cereal like rice and corn squares.

available, the [scholarship application](#) is due January 31st.

[Learn More](#)

RESOURCES



From Field to Bin

This new report from the United States Environmental Protection Agency details the impact of several food waste management pathways.

[Download Here](#)



Zero Food Waste Coalition: State Toolkit

This toolkit is a culmination of lessons



learned from state leaders and local advocates who have led the charge in developing and implementing all the top food loss and waste policies. The toolkit highlights 15 different food waste policy opportunities and best practices that policymakers and advocates can draw upon to accelerate food waste policy in their own states. Each policy is accompanied by model legislation that could be adapted for each state's unique context.

[Download Here](#)

NEW WASTED FOOD SCALE

The United States Environmental Protection Agency released a new wasted food scale in October. The scale highlights the importance of preventing food waste at its source and the relative benefits of using excess food to feed people, feed animals, create compost, and generate renewable energy through anaerobic digestion.

OPPORTUNITY



Food Waste Prevention Week Webinars

We want to hear your organization's idea for Food Waste Prevention Week 2024 Webinars! Visit the link below to learn more about requirements.

[Learn More](#)



Donating food not only reduces food waste, but also decreases food insecurity. Learn ways to **fight food insecurity** in Tennessee.



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