



GET FOOD SMART TN QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER Summer 2025 Edition

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOOD WASTE PREVENTION WEEK IMPACT REPORT 2025

9 EVENTS

WASTED DOCUMENTARY SCREENING
TSU CHEF DEMO
CLEAN MEMPHIS LOVE FOOD HATE WASTE
TSU PANEL DISCUSSION
LIBRARY READ ALOUDS
ODD STORY BREAD TO TAP
AGRICULTURE MUSEUM LUNCH AND LEARN

52 DONATION LOCATIONS

UTK Extension Statewide Food Drive



41

Organizations and
business joined in
this initiative

14

Libraries received
children's books

9

Coffee shops
participated in a
coffee crawl



Grounds for Change:

**A Food Waste
Workshop**

June 12, 2025

Nashville

Join Crema Coffee and Urban Green Lab for a food waste workshop. Learn waste reduction practices, tips, and the story behind your daily cup of coffee.

[Register Here](#)

Food Waste Prevention Week 2025 was a success!

Have an idea for next year? Email us at getfood.smart@tn.gov to stay connected and be involved in the planning for next year.



Nashville's Waste Department

With one more round of approval, Nashville is set to establish a standalone Department of Waste Services, separating solid waste management from Metro Water Services after July 1st. This move centralizes waste oversight and provides the opportunity to separate water and waste fees, enhancing the feasibility of future citywide composting initiatives.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Reducing Food Waste in Schools Webinar

August 26, 2025

Virtual

Join the Get Food Smart Team for an insightful webinar on practical strategies to reduce food waste in schools.

[Register Here](#)



Circular Summit

October 22, 2025

Memphis

This event, hosted by Clean Memphis, is designed to bring together businesses, community leaders, and innovators to explore and implement circular economy principles in Memphis.

[Register Here](#)

OPPORTUNITY

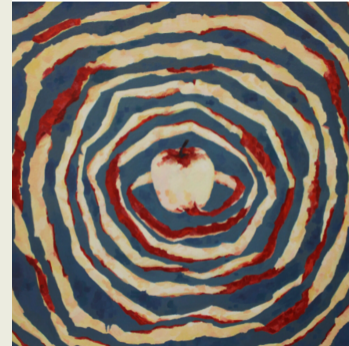


Gleaning in Tennessee

Gleaners collect unclaimed crops left in fields, putting them in the perfect position to collect data

and help stakeholders understand the magnitude of this untapped food source. They estimated that more than 30 million pounds of edible food could have been left in Tennessee fields in 2021 and 2022.

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Food Waste Art Exhibit

March 21st - June 29

Nashville

The “Enough to go Around” exhibit at the Frist Art Museum explores works from Nashville-area artists on the topics of food justice, food production, and food’s role in bringing people together.

[Learn More](#)

Cash in the Trash



By throwing away less food, **your family of 4** could save up to **\$56 per week...**

...What could you buy with money saved from wasting less food?



EPA ANNOUNCES NEW STATISTIC

The EPA announced an updated statistic that the average family of 4 wastes about \$3,000 a year on food that goes uneaten.

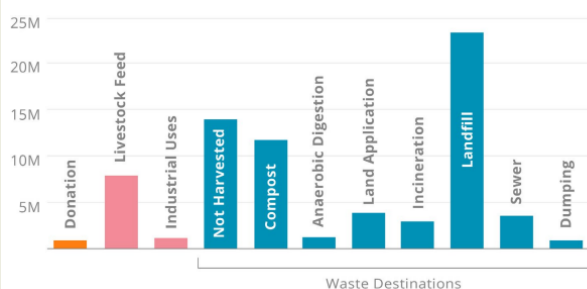
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FOOD WASTE RECIPE



Creamy Peach Smoothie

Don’t throw out bruised peaches this



2%

Is donated



9%

Goes to livestock feed



85%

Goes to waste destinations

FROM WASTE TO SURPLUS

Our language around food waste is evolving, with a growing emphasis on the term “surplus food.”

[ReFED's 2025 Report](#) reflects this shift, clarifying food waste as a subset of surplus food and defining food waste as the portion that ends up in waste destinations, including recycling methods like composting. In contrast, surplus food refers more broadly to food that goes unsold or uneaten. This change in terminology aligns with EPA and UN initiatives and is part of the effort to emphasize our primary focus as prevention, opposed to recovery or recycling. Our shared language in this field is imperative in working together to solve this complex issue.

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summer. Freeze them until you are ready to make this creamy peach smoothie! Learn how to store and freeze peaches [here](#).

[Recipe](#)

FOOD WASTE TIP



Keep Berries Fresher Longer

Keep your summer berries fresh by only washing them when you are ready to eat them. Learn more about how to store different types of berries.

[Learn More](#)



2025 REFED REPORT

ReFED, a national leader in food waste reduction, released a February report with updated data and key insights.

WATCH WEBINAR



Funding Opportunities

[TDEC Organics Managemnt Grant](#)

[Bulk Milk Grant](#)

[Scaling the Recovery of Compostable Packaging and Food Scraps Grant](#)

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