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Food Insecurity and Donations



About 40% of the food that is grown in the US is never eaten, while millions of Americans are still food insecure. The first step is source reduction and redistribution, getting food to those who need it. Grocery stores and restaurants can donate their excess food to redistributors like [Lincoln Food Bank](#), [Saving Grace](#), [Food not Bombs](#), and [FoodNet](#).

What you can do:

At your business, church, or other organization, you can plan to avoid food waste and work with our local food charities.

1. Coordinate with the charity ahead of time to determine how food is best kept and transported, arrange pickup, etc.
2. Large open food trays are harder to donate than small sealed ones, plan

accordingly.

3. Familiarize yourself with the Good Samaritan Act.

Policy:

Redistribution of free food is made possible by the [Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act](#): an act of Congress that encourages the donation of food and grocery products to non-profit organizations for distribution to needy individuals. It protects food donors, including individuals, and non-profit feeding programs who act in good faith.

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