



FOOD FIRST:

EPA TOOLS & THE FOOD RECOVERY CHALLENGE



Changing how we think about our resources today for our children's tomorrow

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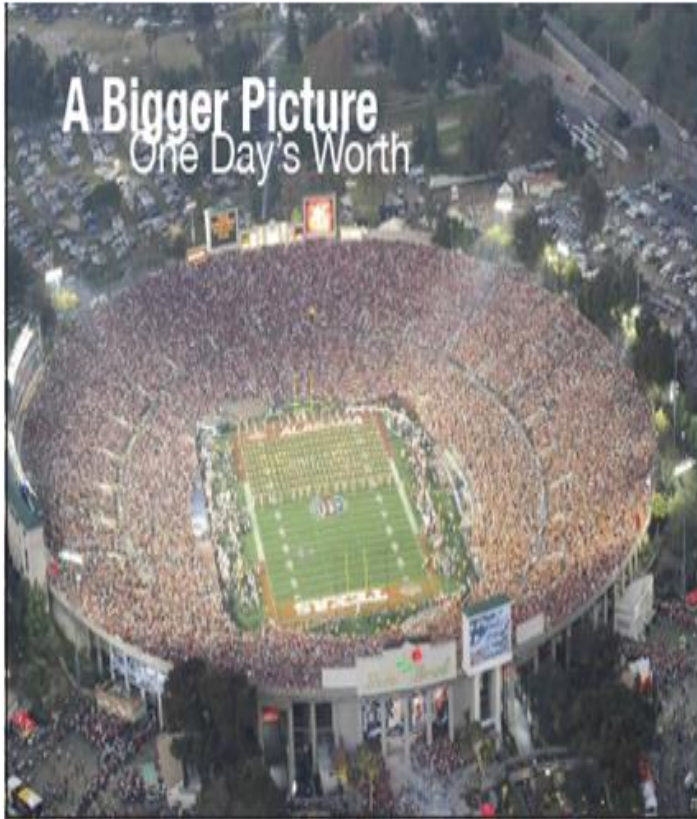
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OVERVIEW

- Food Waste Stats
- EPA Food Recovery Challenge
- EPA Food Recovery Tools



Food is Simply Too Good to Waste!

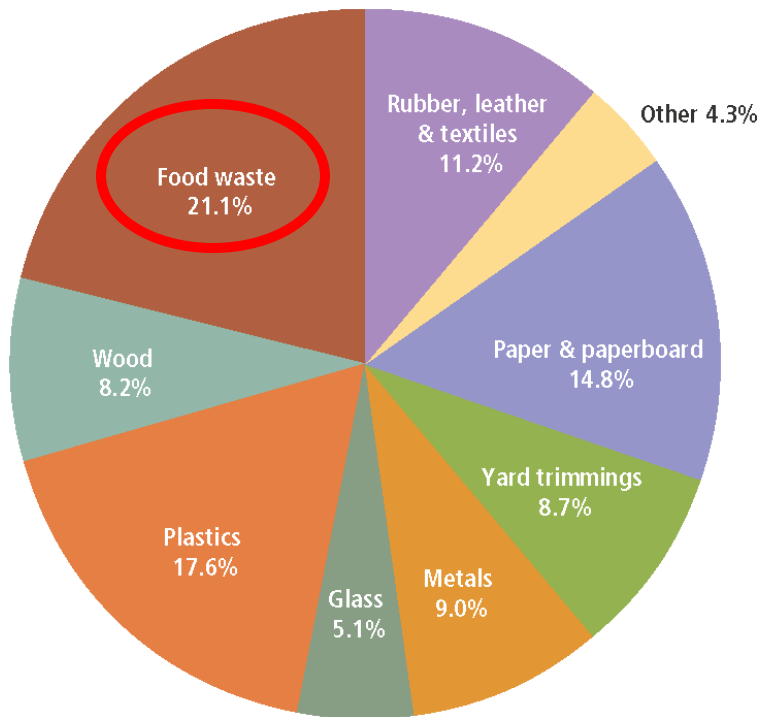


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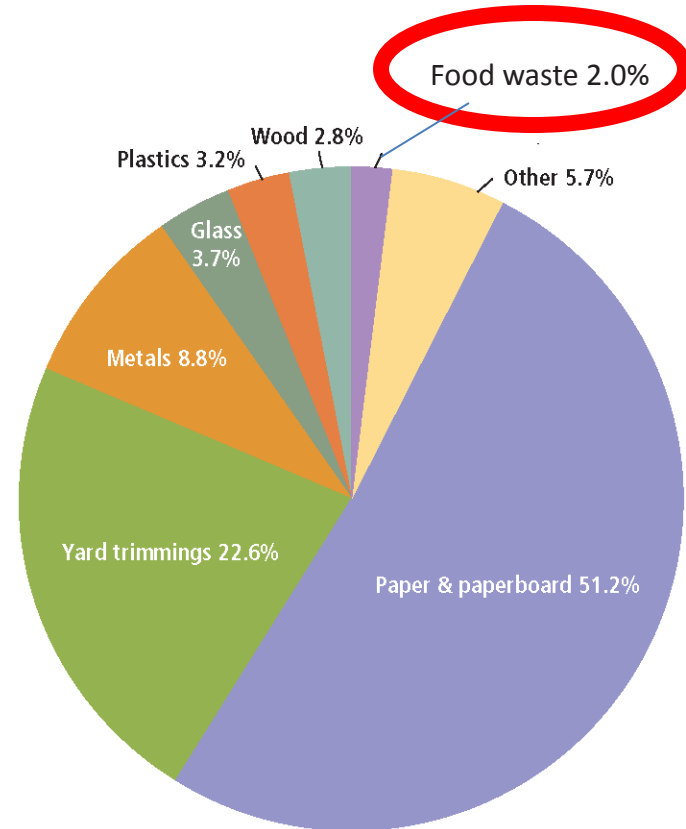
- Costs **\$165 billion annually**
- Contributes to **16% of methane emissions**
- **1 in 6 Americans** are food insecure
- **Single largest & least recovered waste stream**

Our largest waste stream is the least recycled waste stream.

Total MSW Discards (after recycling)



Total MSW Recovery (by material)



Gases, Water, and Resources... Oh My!

Food + Landfills = **Methane**

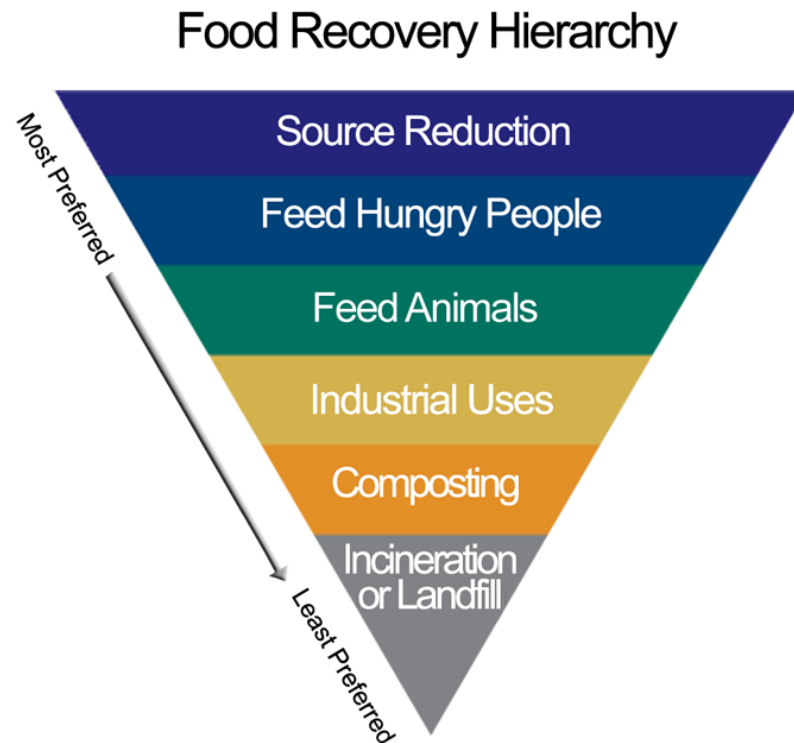


To grow **WASTED FOOD**:

We use **300 million barrels of oil** and more than a
¼ of freshwater consumed

What IS the Food Recovery Challenge?

Challenges Organizations to:
reduce amount of food sent to landfills



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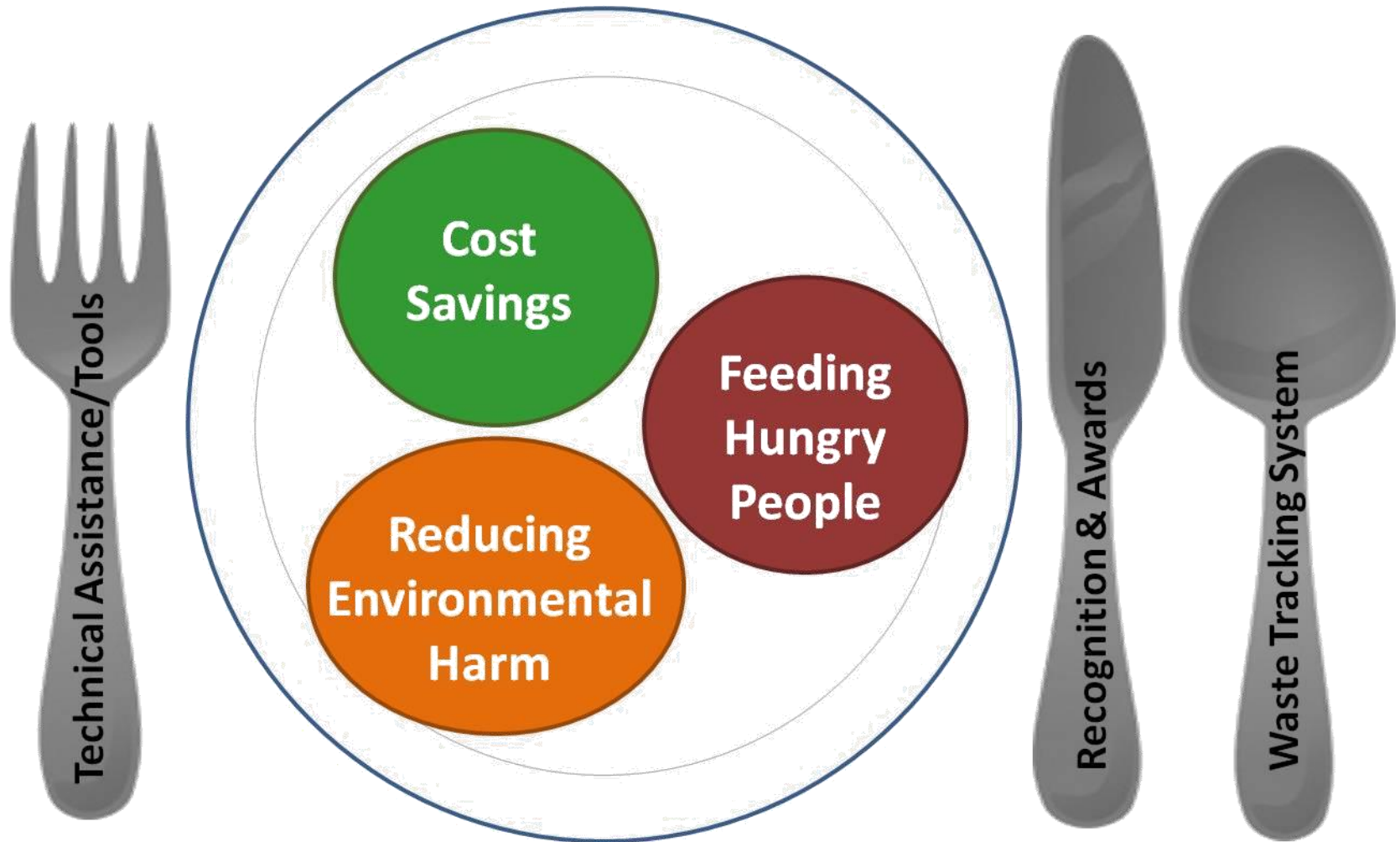
A Part of EPA's:
Sustainable Materials Management Program

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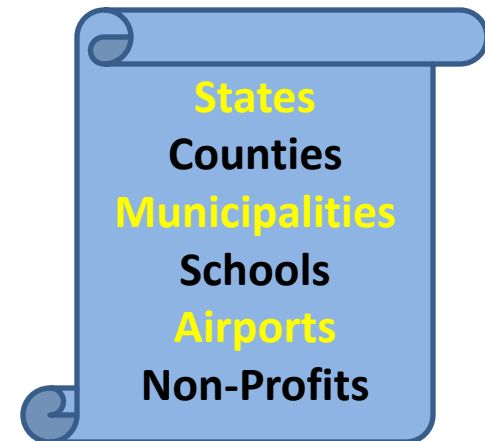
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Potential Benefits for Becoming a Participant:



Who's in the Food Recovery Challenge?

- ~ 700 participants, nationwide



Take A Bite Out of Food Waste...

epa.gov/foodrecoverychallenge

Five Easy Steps!

1. Assess it!
2. Commit to it!
3. Do it!
4. Track it!
5. Earn it!



Who is this man?



Free TOOLS

- Re-TRAC and **Climate Profile**
- Food Waste Management **Cost Calculator**
- Toolkit for **Reducing Wasted Food & Packaging**
- **Food: Too Good To Waste Guide**



Links to RESOURCES

(Click on a Topic to go to Webpage)

[EPA Food Waste Assessment Tools](#)

[Free Webinar on November 6th](#)

[Current Food Recovery Challenge Members](#)

[Sign Up Directions for Food Recovery Challenge](#)

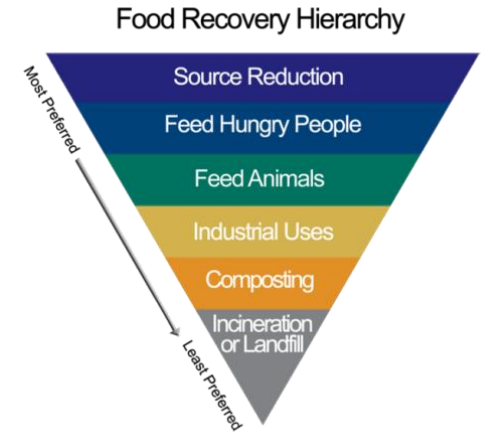
[Reducing Food Waste for Businesses](#)

[Food: Too Good To Waste](#)

Food Recovery Connections

- **Food Distribution Programs**
- **Child Nutrition Programs**
- **Supplemental Nutrition Programs**





[EPA.GOV/FOODRECOVERYCHALLENGE](https://www.epa.gov/foodrecoverychallenge)

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