



Support Maine Farmers and Reduce Food Waste

The Food Recovery Act will save money and help address hunger in our communities

Reducing food waste brings financial and health benefits to our families and communities

Too much food is being wasted in Maine, putting a burden on local landfills, adding to disposal costs, harming our air quality, and leaving too many children without enough to eat everyday

- About 28% of what's in our garbage bags is wasted food - much of it still edible - costing municipalities and businesses hundreds of thousands of dollars in disposal fees.
- 97% of wasted food goes to landfills where it takes up valuable space and produces methane gas, which is 20 times more powerful in changing our climate than CO₂.
- Maine ranks 1st in New England in food insecurity. One of every four Maine children does not get enough to eat on a regular basis.
- Maine farmers, restaurants, grocery stores, and large facilities like schools and hospitals want to help. But Maine policies do not encourage or adequately protect them if they do.



The Maine Food Recovery Act will help Maine farmers, taxpayers, cities, and towns save money while addressing food insecurity and boosting innovative small businesses. It will:

- Strengthen liability protections for donors of food, and add protections for businesses that sell directly to the consumer at a discount.
- Provide a tax credit to Maine farmers who donate food that would otherwise be wasted.
- Create a stakeholder group of state agency personnel and outside parties to develop strategies and guidance to help large institutions like K-12 schools set-up food recovery programs that save money.

Support the Maine Food Recovery Act Reduce Food Waste in Maine

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Maine's Environmental Priorities Coalition

is a partnership of 34 environmental, conservation and public health organizations representing over 100,000 members who want to protect the good health, good jobs and quality of life that our environment provides.

We are counting on Maine policymakers to take the important steps needed to make wise use of Maine's extraordinary environment so Maine people and Maine communities can thrive

Acadia Center	Maine People's Alliance
Appalachian Mountain Club	Maine Public Health Association
Atlantic Salmon Federation	Maine Rivers
Bicycle Coalition of Maine	Maine Wilderness Guides Organization
Conservation Law Foundation	Midcoast Conservancy
Environmental Health Strategy Center	Natural Resources Council of Maine
Environment Maine	Physicians for Social Responsibility Maine Chapter
Friends of Casco Bay	RESTORE: The North Woods
Islesboro Island Trust	Sierra Club, Maine Chapter
Maine Association of Conservation Commissions	Southern Maine Conservation Collaborative
Maine Audubon	The Ocean Conservancy
Maine Center for Economic Policy	The Trust for Public Land
Maine Conservation Alliance	The Wilderness Society
Maine Council of Churches	Toxics Action Center
Maine Council of Trout Unlimited	Upstream
Maine Interfaith Power & Light	350 Maine
Maine Lakes Society	
Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association	

