



# U.S. Food Waste Challenge

Reduce, Recover, Recycle

**Organization(s):**

Howley Bread Group, dba Panera Bread

**City, State:** Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts (28 locations)

**Website:** [www.Panerabreadhbg.com](http://www.Panerabreadhbg.com)

**What are the reduction, recovery or recycling activities?**

We donate all our daily unsold pastries and breads to local food banks, an average of 65 pounds per night per café

We have implemented many additional conservation programs in the last few years:

- 1- We installed water savings devices on all our faucets, Front of house and back of house - We saw immediate savings in water usage.
- 2- We changed over all our cafes to LED lights where possible
- 3- We recycle all plastics, glass and cardboard - single stream recycling
- 5- We use curtains for all our coolers and freezers to reduce energy cost
- 6- Many of our cafes utilize an automatic defrost cycle, turn on and off program