

# 3 Ways You Can Help Recover Wholesome Food to Reduce Hunger



## *Donating Unsold Food*

A Primer on Liability, Food Safety, & the Good Samaritan Act

Join us for the webinar

2:00 - 3:00 pm EDT

November 12, 2014 (Wed.)



Dear food recovery advocates,

Here are two eye-opening statistics for you:

- **14.3%** of American households were food insecure in 2013.
- **31%** of food at the consumer and retail level goes uneaten in the United States.

If you are thinking that if we reduce one of these percentages then we could also reduce the other, then the USDA agrees with you! Of the estimated 133 billion pounds of food that goes wasted every year, much of it is perfectly safe and nutritious and could have been donated to hunger relief organizations to feed hungry families. Sadly, much of this perfectly good food ends up in landfills.

How can you as an individual get involved? Here are **three** ideas.



### 1. [Join Our Webinar](#) & Educate Yourself About Food Recovery & Donation

One of the biggest reasons companies give for not donating their wholesome unsold food is fear of liability. However, the [Good Samaritan Food Donation Act](#), signed into law in 1996, provides legal liability protection for food donors and recipients.

Join us for our webinar on November 12 (Wed.) at 2:00 pm EDT to learn more about food recovery, liability, and the Good Samaritan Act. Register here: <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/177734887>

After the webinar, you will be empowered to work with your local supermarket, restaurant, or cafeteria to start recovering food to feed hungry families in your community.

### 2. Find out how supermarkets & restaurants are currently recovering and donating food

The [Food Waste Reduction Alliance](#) was formed by the leading food trade associations to encourage food companies to start reducing food waste.

They have put together a [toolkit](#) that highlights food recovery best practices from businesses throughout the food supply chain.

There are also a lot of food recovery organizations around the country that help food companies set up a process to safely store, transport, and donate their unsold food to food banks and pantries. Contact some of these groups for advice and help. [Click here for a list of food recovery organizations.](#)





### 3. Go Gleaning!

Gleaning is the act of collecting excess fresh foods from farms, gardens, and farmers markets.

USDA's [Let's Glean, United We Serve Toolkit](#) provides information on how to develop a successful gleaning program including steps for finding donors.

Many of you may know a local farmer or buy their products. You can ask them if they are interested in working with you to setup a gleaning program on their farm. There are also organizations like the [Society of St. Andrew](#) that have gleaning groups around the country that you could team up with.