

How the App Works

The Food Rescue US app helps volunteer **food rescuers** pick up excess healthy food from **food donors** and deliver it directly to local **receiving agencies** that serve food insecure people. The app matches volunteers by supply, demand, capacity and distance – creating a schedule of food rescue opportunities for the community.

1. DONATE

Food donors include restaurants, grocery stores, catering companies, cafeterias and more.



2. DELIVER

Food rescuers can be anyone with a car and a smart phone. The app will allow rescuers to choose when to transport food depending on their schedule.



3. FEED

Food receiving agencies are non-profit organizations such as food pantries, shelters and community kitchens.



Start by getting the **FREE** app!



FOOD RESCUE US
The Simple Solution to Ending Local Hunger

Food Recovery Partners



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Food Rescue US is committed to ending American food insecurity by engaging volunteers to transfer fresh, usable, excess food from restaurants, grocers and other sources to hungry families throughout the United States. Visit foodrescue.us to learn more and to get involved.



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Waste less. Feed more.

BECOME A FOOD RESCUER

IN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA



The City of Columbia's Food Policy Committee is spearheading the launch of food recovery in partnership with **Don't Waste Food SC** and the **Food Rescue US** app.

Hunger & Food Waste

"Food insecurity," is defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a lack of access to enough food to feed an individual or entire family.

1 in 8

people in the United States face hunger. That rate increases to 1 in 6 in children.



Nearly

800,000

South Carolinians are food insecure.



22%

of South Carolina households are enrolled in SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.



According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, wasted food is the largest component in municipal landfills.



641,000 tons

of food waste were produced in South Carolina in FY16.

40%

of all food produced in the United States is thrown away each year.



\$218 billion

is the value of the food thrown away in the United States each year.

SOURCES: epa.gov, usda.gov, scdhec.gov, feedingamerica.org and foodrescue.us

Food Policy Committee

The City of Columbia established a Food Policy Committee in April 2017 and is the first government-appointed food policy committee in South Carolina. The committee is addressing problems found within the food system.



The committee primarily focuses on finding solutions to problems that promote the following topics.

SUSTAINABILITY



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



SOCIAL JUSTICE



Educating government officials and the local community about issues in the food system, researching and making food policy recommendations as well as fostering cooperation among private, public and non-profit interests are key tasks of this committee. One of the committee's goals includes focusing on food recovery, addressing multiple components of the food system.

Don't Waste Food SC

Don't Waste Food SC is a collaborative campaign led by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) that brings together stakeholders from across the public and private sectors dedicated to sharing knowledge, coordinating resources and working together to help reduce food waste in South Carolina.

Wasting food wastes resources. Through simple practices, these resources can be put to better use including feeding people in need, creating products and energy, diverting material from landfills and creating jobs.

The campaign is designed to achieve the following goals.

INCREASE THE AWARENESS

of the economic, environmental and social impacts of wasted food.



INSPIRE

individuals, businesses, schools, communities and others to take action through waste reduction, recovery and composting.



CUT FOOD WASTE IN HALF

in South Carolina by 2030.



DON'T WASTE FOOD SC
PREVENT • DONATE • COMPOST

Visit www.scdhec.gov/dontwastefoodsc for more information and resources, technical assistance and how you can participate.