

When there are so many benefits to recycling excess food, there's no question why businesses are finding new ways to manage their food waste.



On April 14, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed into law P.L. 2020, c. 24 requiring certain large food waste generators to source separate and recycle their food waste under certain conditions by October 14, 2021.

You are considered a large food waste generator if...

1. You are a commercial food wholesaler, distributor, industrial food processor, supermarket, resort, conference center, banquet hall, restaurant, educational or religious institution, military installation, prison, hospital, medical facility, or casison; and
2. Produce at least 52 tons per year of food waste.

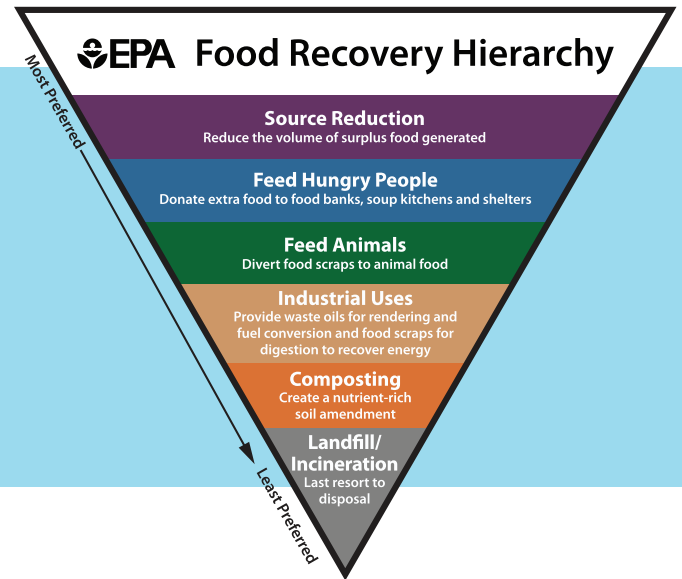
It is your responsibility to determine if you are subject to the Law. NJDEP has developed frequently asked questions, available online at www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/food-waste-recycling-law/fw_law_faqs.pdf

If you are subject to the Law, you must report compliance using the online form at www.nj.gov/dep/foodwasteform

WHY MANAGE FOOD WASTE?

Food waste that ends up in a landfill generates methane gas, a potent greenhouse gas contributing to climate change. P.L. 2020, c. 24 is intended to increase the amount of food waste recycled and converted into products like renewable energy, compost and fertilizer. Whether or not you are required to comply with this Law, reducing and/or recycling your food waste is beneficial to your business and the environment. Learn more about the Law at www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/food-waste-recycling-law/

- According to ReFED, 35% of all food in the U.S. is wasted; that is equivalent to \$285 BILLION worth of food that has the potential to be recycled.
- Uneaten food consumes 4% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions (ReFED).
- The U.S. EPA has developed the Food Recovery Hierarchy (below) to prioritize actions businesses and consumers can take to prevent and divert food waste.



FUN FACT: Baby carrots were invented to reduce food waste when a California farmer decided to shave "ugly" and unsalable carrots and cut them into smaller pieces!