

DID YOU KNOW?

\$218 billion worth of food is thrown away each year

72 billion pounds of food is lost each year, not including waste at home

21% of landfill volume is food waste

21% of fresh water is used to produce food that is then discarded

WHAT CAN YOUR ORGANIZATION DO?

- ▶ **Donate surplus food to food banks and other non-profits combating food waste**
- ▶ **Partner with a local composting company to pick up food scraps and food waste**
- ▶ **(For agriculture) Work with a gleaning organization to recover unharvested food.**
- ▶ **(For grocery) Create an area to sell lightly damaged fruits and vegetables**

For more strategies, visit <http://www.getfoodsmarttn.com/content/page/recognize> under Government Entities and Non-Profit Organizations

FOOD WASTE: HOW MUCH ARE WE REALLY WASTING?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates food waste in the United States to be about 30 to 40 percent of the food supply.



Find out more about how you can get involved in food waste reduction, recovery, and/or diversion at www.getfoodsmarttn.com/content/page/recognize