

## The EPA Food Recovery Hierarchy

Did you know that nearly 40% of New Jersey's food is wasted? We shouldn't be dumping perfectly good food into landfills. Instead, we should be following the steps of The EPA Food Recovery Hierarchy.

It's an easy-to-follow, upside-down pyramid that prioritizes the actions we all can take to minimize and divert food waste. And prevent food from ending up in the bottom tier — our landfills.



# Food Recovery Hierarchy

#### Source Reduction

Reduce the volume of surplus food generated

### Feed Hungry People

Donate extra food to food banks, soup kitchens and shelters

#### **Feed Animals**

Divert food scraps to animal food

#### Industrial Uses

Provide waste oils for rendering and fuel conversion and food scraps for digestion to recover energy

#### Composting

Create a nutrient-rich soil amendment

## Landfill/ ncineration

disposal

Food Recovery Hierarchy provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

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