

# EPA's Reducing Wasted Food & Packaging Toolkit

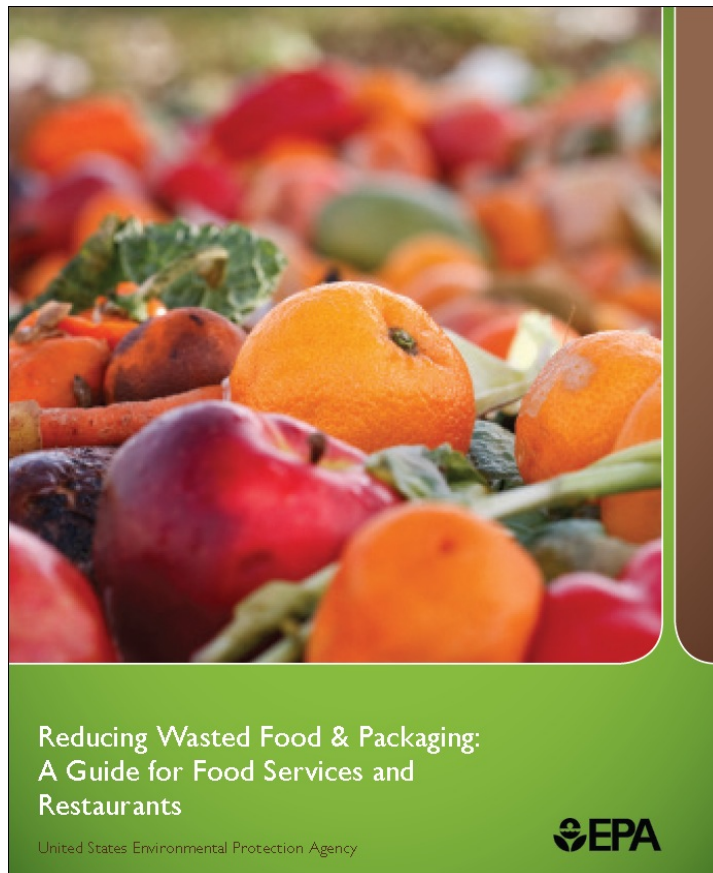
Save money for your facility by reducing wasted food ...

## What is the Reducing Wasted Food and Packaging Toolkit?

The toolkit includes an Excel audit tool and a PDF guide to help food service venues identify and implement opportunities to reduce food and packaging waste, which saves money and reduces environmental impacts.

## Why Use the Tool?

- ✓ **Save Money** from reduced purchasing costs and waste disposal fees!
  - **Identify areas to buy less without reducing output**
  - **Pay fewer disposal fees by reducing waste**
  - 4-10% of purchased food ends up as waste before it even reaches the plate<sup>i</sup>
  - Approximately 30% of all food purchases end up as waste
  
- ✓ **Reduce Your Environmental Impact**  
Good for your bottom line and your organization's image!
  - We throw away more food than any other material, with over 33 million tons reaching landfills each year
  - **Americans waste enough food to fill the Rose Bowl stadium every day**<sup>ii</sup>
  - Packaging accounts for 23% of material reaching landfills each year, much of which is food-related packaging that could be recycled or composted



## How to Use the Tool?

- **Track your waste generation** to desired level of detail for 2 – 4 weeks using our free Excel Tool.
- **Develop and implement a food waste reduction program** based on your audit results!

**Why wait? Get EPA's FREE toolkit here:**

<http://www.epa.gov/foodrecovery/tools/>

<sup>i</sup> LeanPath, [www.leanpath.com](http://www.leanpath.com)

<sup>ii</sup> Bloom, Jonathan. *America Wasteland*.

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