

SCHOOL FOOD SHARE

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is offering technical assistance to implement cafeteria waste prevention and food recovery within schools in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington communities, tribal schools and schools serving Native American and/or Native Alaskan populations.

This call is for schools, school districts, food security organizations, and other parties interested in support with cafeteria waste prevention and/or participating in the School Food Share Program.

School Food Share is a simple program supporting schools and food banks to work together to collect whole and packaged cafeteria leftovers and share them within their community. This program helps schools use the food to: 1) feed their own students and 2) donate to their local food bank to fight hunger in the community.



PROGRAM INFORMATION

School Food Share has been working with schools, school districts, food banks, health departments, and other dedicated regional partners since 2015. With School Food Share support, schools can save money, time, and resources. Participating schools could recover an average of 4,000 pounds of food per year.

- Technical assistance can include:
 - » program setup assistance
 - » health department waivers
 - » sample posters and communications
 - » classroom education materials
 - » and more!

Check out the [Oregon School Food Share Program Guide](#) for more information. More guides coming soon!

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Express your interest by submitting the accompanying form to R10schoolfoodshare@epa.gov.
- Within 1-2 weeks, you'll hear back from EPA to schedule a time to discuss the type of technical assistance you need.
- Based on the discussion, EPA will work with you to create a technical assistance plan to guide next steps.

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SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Please complete the information below and send by email to R10schoolfoodshare@epa.gov. For mail-in responses, send to: School Food Share Program, c/o Kendra Tyler, 1200 Sixth Ave, Suite 155, 15-H04, Seattle, WA 98101. For more information, call 206-553-0041.

There is no expectation that you have already begun cafeteria waste prevention and/or food recovery activities. Your response provides us a sense of where you are in the process, so EPA can tailor support.

Name:

Organization (e.g. School; District; Food bank):

Title (E.g. Nutrition services, Principal):

How do we reach you? (phone/email):

What cafeteria waste prevention and/or food recovery activities is your organization currently engaged in?

Do you already have a formal or informal school “green team”? What do they focus on?

What organizations outside of yours are you partnering with, if any? (e.g. Schools; Food banks):

What are you hoping to accomplish with School Food Share support?

What data, if any, are you currently tracking? (e.g. pounds of food thrown out):

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What assistance are you interested in? (check all that apply)

Setting up a food recovery program in your school or a School Food Share program

- Information about sustainable food management in your local area*
- Food handling and safety regulations.*
- Health department coordination related to food recovery*
- Tracking and measurement*
- Recognition of existing efforts*
- Cafeteria recycling and composting*
- Donating food to local food banks*
- Setting up a share table*
- K-6 Food waste and recovery lesson plans*
- Cafeteria waste prevention strategies and best management practices*
- Other:*