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Food rescue, simplified

40% of all food in the US is wasted

which is the equivalent of
170 MILLION metric tons of CO₂

44 MILLION PEOPLE experience food insecurity in the US

Food insecurity in the U.S. has risen to 44 million people in 2022, including 13 million children, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. An increase of 31% for individuals and 44% for children from the previous year, the highest rate and number since 2014 and the largest one-year increase since 2008.

The Bill Emerson Food Donation Act was passed in 1996 to fight food insecurity and food waste but it only covers free food donations to non-profits. As a result, around 350 food banks across the U.S. shoulder the immense burden of helping their communities become food secure, often working with limited resources and volunteers.

We need modern innovations to address such staggering increases in food insecurity

The Food Donation Improvement Act (FDIA) was passed in 2023, with bipartisan support and collaboration across non-profit and corporate partners to increase food rescue and drive innovations. The FDIA expands liability protections and tax deductions to incentivize businesses and allows needy individuals to participate directly for the first time.

Our mission is to broaden access to food security by delivering incremental value to the stores that donate food, empowering non-profits to scale up and democratizing food rescue for families and individuals.



Benefits of leveraging the Food Donation Improvement Act (2023) with Leftovers.today

Stores

- **Zero fees and commissions** - No charge for stores to use Leftovers.today.
- **New monetization opportunity** - Clearance items qualify for liability protections and tax deductions.
- **New food rescue channel** - Individuals can now directly rescue wholesome food donations.
- **One app across all banners** - The Leftovers.today app will process food donations just like current in-store pickup orders and will use existing order processing systems with no logistical overhead.
- **Reduce theft** - Access to easy and direct food donations at the store will reduce food theft and losses.
- **Environmental impact** - Direct donations can consume less fuel and labor to rescue more food.
- **Support and services** - Leftovers.today will help standardize non-profit relationships, handle transactions and customer support, ensure indemnity for the stores, increase store foot traffic, drive mobile app installs and rewards program signups, enrich marketing data, provide comprehensive dashboards and insights to track ESG goals, and calculate tax deductions on donations.

Non-profits and food banks

- **Zero fees and commissions** - No charge for non-profits to use Leftovers.today and optional bulk purchase of clearance food items will be supported. Stores may charge a service fee per the FDIA.
- **Recruit volunteers** - Tap into the vast network of individuals using Leftovers.today for direct donations to find volunteers in your neighborhood.
- **Efficient resource management** - Easy to use app for non-profits. View real-time availability of donations and clearance food items at partner stores, search and bulk checkout items for pickup, deploy resources and volunteers more effectively with smart route planning to minimize waste.
- **Prioritize without waste** - Resources and volunteers can focus only on items required for the food bank, knowing that the rest can still reach needy individuals via direct donations from the store.
- **Relieve pressure on food banks** - Local stores can become food rescue locations for individuals to directly pick up donated food, supplementing food bank locations and operating hours.

Food insecure families and individuals

- **Equitable access to food donations** - Grocery stores greatly outnumber food banks. With direct donations from stores, needy families and individuals can access food security from more locations that are closer to them and open for longer hours.
- **Modern App** - Operates just like popular grocery shopping apps to find and checkout free food donations and clearance food items for in-store pickup at the individual's convenience.
- **SNAP EBT** - Leftovers.today app will accept SNAP EBT to pay for clearance items and any handling fees associated with free donations.
- **More choices, more food rescue** - Direct donations will provide more food rescue choices for families and individuals, especially perishables that may be difficult for non-profits to pick up.

Bill Emmerson Food Donation Act (1996) and the current system

Food Donation Improvement Act (2023) with Leftovers.today

Changes to the law

- Only free food donations to domestic non-profits can receive liability protection and tax deductions
- Confusing laws and liability concerns result in missed opportunities to rescue wholesome food



- Free food donations and reduced price clearance food to domestic non-profits and directly to needy individuals receive liability protection and tax deductions
- Creates additional channels and monetary incentives for food rescue

Discovery

- Cannot view what donations are available at each store location and plan routes
- Inefficient use of precious non-profit resources and volunteers
- Stores must throw away food that is not picked up by non-profits



- App with real-time view of items at each store. Find, reserve and pick up free food donations and purchase clearance items
- Stores make donation inventory visible
- Non-profits can use resources effectively
- Individuals can find food to rescue directly

Convenience and Equity

- Compared to grocery stores, food banks operate for fewer hours per week
- Challenging to find volunteers year round
- Working adults, students and homebound may not make it during these limited hours
- Food rescue may not be equitable



- Supplement food banks with direct food rescue from grocery stores
- Stores become new food rescue locations that are open for longer hours all year long
- Greater choice of food to rescue
- Direct donations reduce theft at stores

Environment and Sustainability

- Labor, fuel and energy can be spent many times over on the same food item, passing through many hands before it reaches the needy individual
- Can create preventable greenhouse gas emissions



- A needy individual living near a store with donation or clearance food items can directly pick it up without a long commute
- Donated food items can pass through fewer hands and locations, saving energy
- Greener for the environment

Central Management

- Each store and local non-profits maintains bespoke partnerships
- Difficult to observe food rescue trends and insights from local to a national scale
- Lacking unified dashboards and support services to manage relationships and goals



- All store to non-profit relationships are centrally managed on a modern platform
- Insights and learnings across all donations to drive ESG and store growth goals
- Support and helpdesk services, indemnity
- Easily calculate tax deductions