| Local Jurisdiction Proclamation **WHEREAS** up to 35% of all food produced is wasted, even though much of it is safe and nutritious and could help feed those in need;  **WHEREAS** everyone benefits from better utilizing food resources, creating stronger and more sustainable communities;  **WHEREAS** a family of four can save between $1866-3000 per year by reducing wasted food.1;  **WHEREAS** K-12 schools and universities play a crucial role in educating the next generation on the importance of reducing, recovering, and recycling food;  **WHEREAS** we have an opportunity to conserve shared resources—such as land, water, and energy—that are used to produce and transport food that ultimately goes uneaten;  **WHEREAS** food in landfills decomposes slowly, releasing methane gas, a potent contributor to climate change;  **NOW, THEREFORE,** <I/we>, <name of elected official or governing body>**,** do hereby proclaim **April 7-13, 2025**, as **Food Waste Prevention Week** in <jurisdiction**>**, and <I/we>encourage all residents to commit to reducing food waste in their homes, workplaces, and communities.  *If your jurisdiction will issue a formal proclamation, please share a copy with us at* [*hello@foodwastepreventionweek.com*](mailto:hello@foodwastepreventionweek.com)*. Thank you for supporting this vital initiative!* |
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1. \*[Penn State\_2020](https://www.psu.edu/news/research/story/study-suggests-us-households-waste-nearly-third-food-they-acquire)

   [ReFed\_2023](https://refed.org/food-waste/consumer-food-waste#:~:text=In%202023%2C%20the%20average%20American,gone%20to%20people%20in%20need). [↑](#footnote-ref-0)