Wise About Waste

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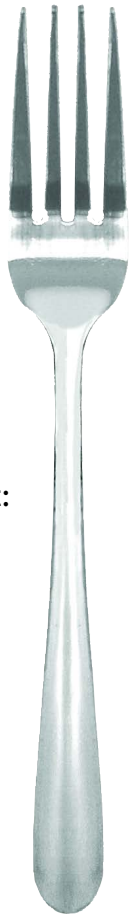
Limit Food Waste at Your Feast



The holidays are fast approaching, here are some tips on how to reduce food waste at home!

- **Plan ahead** and only buy what you need. Shop your pantry and fridge before you shop.
- **Save the scraps** and use vegetable peels and meat trimmings to make a broth for soups and stews.
- **Get creative with leftovers** and label what they are to properly store them. Consider freezing for later use.
- **Donate unused canned goods**. Visit Second Harvest: **Shfb.org** or Feeding America: **FeedingAmerica.org** to learn more about what and where to donate unwanted food.
- **Compost.** If all else fails and you must dispose of food as a last resort, make sure it ends up in your green cart.

Find more food waste prevention tips at:

- **SavetheFood.com**
- **LoveFoodNotWaste.org**

Coming Soon: Smarter Takeout on the Menu

A pilot program to test out the newest in takeout innovation.

Beginning in September, all to-go orders at CoHo Alumni will be served in containers that are designed to be returned. These containers are durable, portable, and better than disposable. Scan for more info.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Fall Clean Up is October 10th 7am - 12pm

Items in good, clean, and working condition will be collected for reuse. Items must be set aside from other items and be labeled "REUSE."

Scan the QR code to view acceptable items & download a "REUSE" sign- or make your own!

PLEASE NOTE: Televisions and monitors must have your name and address included on each item per state requirement. *Hazardous waste, universal waste, and contractor -generated waste will not be collected.*

A SERVICE FOR STANFORD CAMPUS

Get Rid of Excess Recyclables All Year

The Recycling Center at 701 Serra Street on campus is open Monday through Saturday, 8am - 4pm, rain or shine!

Do you have cardboard that's too big for your bin? Don't wait until the next Clean Up day! We accept all recyclable material that would otherwise go in your blue bin. We also accept clothing donations in our USAgain drop box; items must be clean, dry, and bagged. Acceptable items for donation include clothing, footwear, all types of clothing, accessories, and linens/textiles. **Please note: the center is closed on Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. For more info, visit pssirecycling.com/collect/recycling/dropoff**

Thanksgiving Holiday Collection Service Schedule

NOVEMBER 23 - 27, 2026

	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
If your collection day is:	23	24	25	**26**	27
Your holiday collection day will be:	23	24	25	**25**	27

If your regular collection day is Thursday, 11/26/26, your service is rescheduled to Wednesday, 11/25/26. Visit **pssirecycling.com/holiday** for more info.

New Collection Rates September 1

Effective September 1st, 2026, the new single-family rate for waste, recycling, and compost service of 35-gallon carts is $150.11 per quarter, or $50.04 per month. This equates to a $15.48 increase per quarter, or $5.16 per month. To view the 26-27 Waste Rates scan the QR code or visit **https://utilities.stanford.edu/wasterates** (SU Net required) For questions or to adjust waste services, contact PSSI.

Make Sure to Propely Dispose of Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG)

Do NOT pour FOG down the drain!

Improper disposal of FOG will pollute the environment and clog your pipes and sewer/septic systems.

Wait for the FOG to cool, pour it into a glass jar, seal it with the lid, and place it in your trash cart. Jars with a wide mouth and tight seal work best. Save your next glass mayo or pickle jar and be prepared.

For large amounts of FOG, such as oil from a turkey fryer, drop off for free at a household hazardous waste center. Use a sealable container with a lid (5-gallon size or smaller). Visit **hhw.org** for more information.

Questions? Contact PSSI.

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