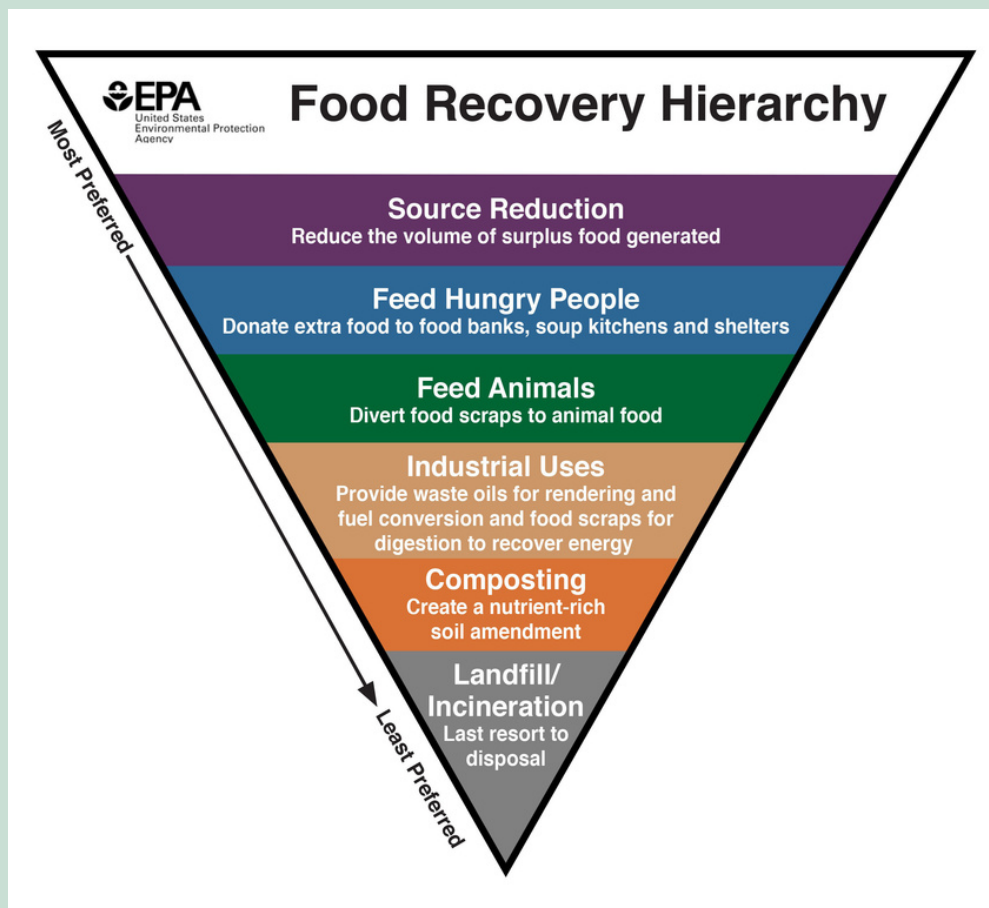


RESCUING EDIBLE FOOD

ZERO WASTE WEEK 2022

THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE HAS PARTNERED WITH THE REPURPOSE PROJECT AND ZERO WASTE GAINESVILLE TO CREATE THE FOOD WASTE REDUCTION AND RECOVERY PROGRAM.

The goal of this program is to gather information, talk to stakeholders, and identify barriers to diverting edible food from the waste stream. This will allow us to create an educational program for local food-generating businesses on how to follow the US EPA Food Recovery Hierarchy.



We want to hear from Gainesville Food-Generating Businesses!

If you are an owner or manager of a food-generating business, we encourage you to take this survey. It will provide us with valuable information for this project.



What's being done locally to rescue edible food?

- Gainesville Harvest - A Bread of the Mighty Program connecting unused food to charitable organizations
- Direct connection between food-generating businesses and the food insecure.
- MEANS Database - a non profit dedicated to connecting edible food for recovery to those who need it



Benefits to Food-Generating Businesses for following the Food Recovery Hierarchy:

- Fewer resources being landfilled
- Fewer greenhouse gas emission at the landfill
- Edible food is rescued to feed the food insecure in our community
- Edible food is rescued to feed local animals
- The community collaborates on waste reduction efforts that benefit many
- The community is one step closer to Zero Waste

Food Donors, be sure to become familiar with the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act of 1996

Learn more about this law from the USDA [here](#).