

Reducing Wasted Food in Illinois Hospitals & Healthcare Systems

Roundtable questions and answers for partners

How can I learn more about implementing the Surplus Project at my organization?

[Jen Grenier](#), the founder of the Surplus Project, has developed resources and materials for healthcare partners interested in implementing this food rescue program. Please email Jen to learn more!

What partners are working on food rescue mapping?

- National EPA - [Excess Food Map](#)
- Chicago & Cook County - [Food Access Map](#)

How can I support local food rescue initiatives in Chicago?

Sign up to volunteer with the [Chicagoland Food Sovereignty Coalition](#) or support your [local mutual aid group](#).

Who is funding food rescue initiatives at hospitals and healthcare systems?

[Practice Green Health](#) has several funding opportunities available for partners.

Who can I go to for technical assistance for my hospital-based food rescue program?

[Jen Nelson](#) has been funded to support Northern Illinois hospitals and healthcare systems working on wasted food programs. Please email Jen to learn more!

What networks can I join to learn more about food rescue in the Midwest?

- [Illinois Wasted Food Action Alliance](#)
- [Illinois Food Scrap Coalition](#)
- [USDA Midwest Healthcare Partners Network](#)

What partner can support me in learning more about how to compost food scraps at my organization?

[Erlene Howard](#), the founder of [Collective Resource](#), has worked with many hospital and healthcare system partners on food composting. Email her to learn more!

Where else can I go to learn about innovative food rescue solutions?

The [Center for Ecotechnology](#) has great tools and experience with wasted food solutions.



Partners are invited to respond to the **Illinois Hospital Wasted Food Survey**

<https://forms.gle/QPmvenAQYUSFRNs5>