Food banks play a crucial role in reducing food waste through rescuing food that is perfectly good to eat but not up to the standards of many buyers. Houston Food Bank also employs additional sustainability practices and green initiatives to help reduce waste and contribute to creating a cleaner, healthier environment.

**153 million pounds**

*perishable food rescued* since 2007 from retailers through our Retail Pick Up program. This food would otherwise be thrown out since it is less attractive to consumers because of its shorter shelf life or different looking appearance but is still perfectly good to consume.

**4.2 million pounds**

*produce and perishable items rescued* in Fiscal Year ‘20 (July 2019 - June 2020) that otherwise would have been thrown out due to blemishes, odd shape, other physical abnormalities or upcoming “best by” dates that would make them undesirable to consumers but have no affect on quality, taste, or freshness.

**1.34 million pounds**

*non-perishable food rescued* from retail stores in Fiscal Year ‘20 through our Scan-a-Can volunteer program. The bar codes of Items including dented cans are scanned to determine if the item should be sent back to the vendor, thrown away, or, if still safe to consume, donated and inspected.

**372,240 pounds**

*non-nutritious bakery items* were converted in to chicken feed in Fiscal Year ‘20 thanks to our partner, Bakery Feeds.

**440 solar panels**

*on the roof of Houston Food Bank East Branch* (535 Portwall St.) provide utility bill savings thanks to Green Mountain Energy’s Sun Club, SolarSPARC programs, and NRG.

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This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

**A gift of $10 provides access to 30 meals for someone in the community.**

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**Our Mission:** Food for better lives

**Our Vision:** A world that doesn’t need food banks