

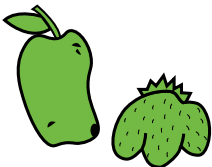
houston**food**bank **Sustainability Efforts**

Here are our sustainability efforts since the beginning of fiscal year 2023. 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.



286.1 million pounds

perishable food rescued 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.



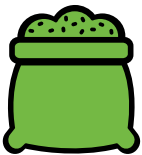
185.6 million pounds

produce and perishable items rescued 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.



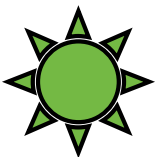
4.8 million pounds

non-perishable food rescued 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.



21.2 million pounds

non-nutritious bakery items were converted into chicken feed thanks to our partner, Bakery Feeds.



440 solar panels

on the roof of Houston Food Bank East Branch produced 70.6MWh of energy this year and 740MWh over their lifetime. This is an emissions saving of 572.7 tonnes of CO2 or the equivalent of planting 8,654 trees



736,482 pounds

Moonshot Compost collected food waste from Houston Food Bank diverting it from the landfill so that it could be used to help grow more nutritious food for families.