

Tackling food waste in hospitality

Following the food waste hierarchy will help your business to save money and the planet.

The problem

On average, small food businesses throw away £10,000 worth of food each year. For restaurants, avoidable food waste typically costs 97p per plate.

The solution

Some food waste is inevitable, but there are many cost effective and simple solutions to avoid it. This helps our planet save water, land and carbon - and it's better for business, too.

You can save £7 with every £1 invested in reducing food waste. Solutions to help your business reduce costs and cut carbon emissions already exist - with a couple listed in this leaflet!

Case study

Caiger & co, a catering company that launched a 'conscious canapés' range made from surplus ingredients, avoiding 0.8kg of food waste per canapés.

You can find more innovative solutions to help your business save money and reduce waste on our **Circular Economy Matchmaker**.

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1 REDUCE

Prevent food waste by using technology or record systems to better monitor and plan, so that you only buy and prepare the food that you need (and save costs).

Who can help you?

Winnow

Guardians of Grub

Extend the life of ingredients using filters to remove ethylene, and using different storage techniques (e.g. jamming, pickling, fermenting, and freezing).

Freshpod

2 REUSE

Repurpose by-products or leftovers, such as coffee grounds or juice pulp into valuable ingredients for other recipes or products, in your own menu or by other brands.

Zero waste cookbooks

UpCircle

Nibs etc

Resell what has been overproduced at a discounted price to customers, rather than throwing it away.

TooGoodToGo

Karma

Redistribute what has been overproduced but can't be sold to specialist organisations that can give it to charitable causes.

Plan Zheroes

Olio

The Felix Project

3 RECYCLE

Recycle food waste items such as oil which can be transformed into energy by specialist organisations.

Olleco

Quatra

LEAP Micro AD

Compost/AD - most waste disposal companies offer a separate food waste collection service. This will often help reduce your waste collection costs.