

# Restaurant Rescue!

*Why waste great food?*



**Restaurant Rescue turns  
your restaurant's extra  
food into nutritious meals  
for our community!**



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## **What is Restaurant Rescue?**

Restaurant Rescue is a program through the Thurston County Food Bank that keeps extra food from going to waste. Restaurants and caterers often prepare food they don't end up serving to customers. Maybe it's a tray of pasta that only a few customers ordered or a platter of sandwiches that wasn't served.

The Thurston County Food Bank picks up your extra food, repackages it, and distributes it to our community.

## **How does it work?**

Contact the Thurston County Food Bank at 352-8597 and they'll set a schedule to pick up your donations.

Handle donated foods in the same manner as food served to your customers. Keep food at proper temperatures, and follow Washington State Food Safety Rules and Regulations.

## **Can I be held liable?**

State and federal Good Samaritan laws protect your organization from liability whenever you donate food you believe to be safe.

## **What about grocery stores?**

The food bank also has a Grocery Rescue program. Stores can donate prepared foods, produce, meat, dairy, and more! Contact the food bank at 352-8597 to learn more.

Restaurant Rescue is a partnership between the Thurston County Food Bank and Thurston County Solid Waste.

