



Preparing for S2426 Implementation

What Municipalities Should Do Now

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**We are an Industry
NGO, advancing
organics recovery,
recycling, compost
manufacturing &
utilization.**

➤ **Municipal Members & Partners**

- Camden County
- Fanwood
- Glen Ridge
- Ridgewood
- Riverton
- Secaucus
- Westwood
- Atlantic County
- Hudson County
- Tri-County SC
- Cape May County
- Ocean County

The Law – In Summary

- ▶ Each County Must Reduce Food Waste by 50% by 2035 (vs 2022 baseline)
 - ▶ Included in their Solid Waste Plans
 - ▶ Includes Food Recovery, Composting, Anaerobic Digestion
 - ▶ Exemption for pipeline-quality RNG or Class 1 Renewable Energy
- ▶ NJDEP to provide guidance within 180 days
 - ▶ NJCC & Rutgers developing a County-Level Document
- ▶ NJDEP to develop a Tiered Permitting Structure
- ▶ Counties to have plans in place by end of 2027

Get To Know Your World of Food Waste

- Identify Top Generators
 - Start w NJDEP Map
 - Talk to Your DPWs & County Recycling Coordinators
- Map Your Ecosystem
 - Food Rescue
 - Haulers
 - Composters, Farms
- Identify Pilot Opportunities
 - Utilize RD&D Permits
 - Schools, Municipal Buildings
 - Focus on Cleaner Streams
 - KISS Approach



Plan For the Future System

- ▶ Tiered Permitting
 - ▶ Enable Small Scale Infrastructure through zoning & incentives
 - ▶ Identify Sites for Drop Off / Local Composting
 - ▶ Identify Possible PPP opportunities
- ▶ Education & Outreach
 - ▶ Tackle Contamination Early
 - ▶ Standard Bins + Signage
 - ▶ Generator Training
- ▶ Start with Food Rescue
 - ▶ Lowest Cost, Highest Impact
 - ▶ Meal Recovery Coalition
 - ▶ Table to Table
 - ▶ Share My Meals



Next Steps / Resources

➤ Input into the Food Waste Reduction Guidance Document

➤ Sustainable Jersey

<https://www.sustainablejersey.com/actions/>

➤ 2023 [NJDEP](#)

[waste/food_waste](#)

<https://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/food-waste/>

➤ ReFED – [www.refed.org](#)

<https://www.refed.org/>

➤ [Meal Recipe](#)

➤ NJDEP Food Waste Reduction (Generation) [map](#)

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/ac8ce8bb55524201bc272121e5672fde/page/Page>

➤ Stay Connected to NJCC & your County SWACs



Upcoming Event

Walk for Soil on April 26th

Celebrate Earth Day in New Jersey
For Our Children's Future



52% of
cultivable
soil is degraded

Over 2 billion people
suffer from nutritional
imbalances

A **tablespoon of soil** contains
more microorganisms than there
are humans on the planet

Date: April 26, 2026

Time: 9 AM to 12 PM

Address:

Mercer County Park - East Picnic Area
1346 Edinburg Rd,
West Windsor, NJ 08550

Contact: 609-436-0340

Email: newjersey@ishausa.org

For Registration & Information
savesoil.org/walkathon





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