

Weigh the Waste: Assessing Food Waste @ Winthrop University

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Food waste makes up nearly half of all municipal solid waste produced in the United States. EPA estimates that 40% of all food produced for human consumption is wasted. Question is how much post-consumer food is sent to the landfill from Winthrop University? The Office of Sustainability has completed five Weigh the Waste events in Thomson Cafeteria where we weigh post-consumer food waste for a single day. This poster will report the findings of each of those events, illustrate the environmental impacts of food waste, and will offer methods for reducing our food waste.