



## Town of Southold –Food Industry Survey

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*(kindly reply by April 30<sup>th</sup>)*

### The Town of Southold Wants YOUR Input

The Town of Southold is currently working on an update to its Solid Waste Management Plan, which will cover a ten-year planning period and layout strategies to reduce, re-use, and recycle different types of waste generated within the Town. A major focus of this effort will be to address food waste, which is the largest single type of waste that ends up in landfills that is yet to be addressed with comprehensive waste reduction programs. As such, the Town wants to develop long-term strategies for food industry businesses to help them reduce food waste and therefore, save money.

This survey is intended to provide the Town will real data on which they can base decisions about future waste management programs and services. Your voluntary participation in this survey will help guide the planning process, and may lead to opportunities to be part of future planning programs and marketing efforts. This survey is located on the Town’s website at [www.southoldtownny.gov](http://www.southoldtownny.gov)

### Saving Money by Reducing Food Waste

Food waste accounts for approximately **20%** of all solid waste landfilled in the United States. Food itself takes resources to grow, prepare and dispose of – clean water, electric and gas utilities, greenhouse gas emissions, and money. Case studies show that even minor changes to menu options and portion sizes can **reduce restaurant food waste by as much as 50%, dramatically reducing business expenses.** In addition, implementing programs such as food waste donation and composting programs can earn businesses charitable tax donations, supply food banks with food that would otherwise go to waste, and save businesses money on waste disposal costs. You may find useful the following online resource providing useful information to help reduce food waste: <http://www.foodwastealliance.org/>

### Part I: Business Characteristics

1) **What type of business are you?**

Full-Service Restaurant

Take Out Food/ Delicatessen

Winery

Farm Stand / Specialty Market

Supermarket

School/Educational Institution

Health Care Institution

Other [write in] \_\_\_\_\_

2) **Do you currently directly contract waste disposal services?**

Yes

No, my landlord does

No, we share costs with adjacent businesses

No, Other [write in] \_\_\_\_\_

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3) **How many employees do you have on an annual basis? (Fill in each row)**

\_\_\_\_\_ # Permanent Full-Time Employees (35+hrs)

\_\_\_\_\_ # Permanent Half-Time Employees (17-34hrs)

\_\_\_\_\_ # Permanent Part-Time Employees (0-16hrs)

\_\_\_\_\_ # Seasonal Full-Time Employees (35+hrs)

\_\_\_\_\_ # Seasonal Half-Time Employees (17-34hrs)

\_\_\_\_\_ # Seasonal Part-Time Employees (0-16hrs)

## Part II: Food Waste Reduction

1) **Do you currently have any type of food waste reduction, re-use or recycling programs in place?**

Yes [describe] \_\_\_\_\_

No

2) **Would you be interested in learning more about reducing food waste through programs such as food recycling and/or donation?**

Yes

Yes, only if they reduced disposal costs

Maybe, if [write in] \_\_\_\_\_

No

3) **If the Town was to offer composting of food waste, would you be interested in learning more about source-separating food waste for collection and/or transport?**

Yes

No

Maybe

4) **Would you be interested in partnering with a local farm to purchase locally grown food and supply them with food scrap waste for use in composting?**

Yes, we already do!

Yes, in the next 1-3 years

Not at this time

No, we tried this but it did not work

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

Please click the "Submit Form" button to email your response to Town of Southold, Waste Management District at [DSW@town.southold.ny.us](mailto:DSW@town.southold.ny.us), or mail it to the attention of: Southold Waste Management Survey, 6155 Cox Lane, PO Box 962, Cutchogue, NY 11935

This form works best in Adobe Acrobat Reader v. 8 or above, available for free download at [get.adobe.com/reader](http://get.adobe.com/reader)  
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