



U.S. Food Waste Challenge

Reduce, Recover, Recycle

Organization(s):

Carmel Clay School District

City, State: Carmel, IN

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Carmel-Clay-Schools-Green-Team/2151297452138>

What are the reduction, recovery or recycling activities?

When students at Carmel Elementary choose not to eat an item in their lunch, that food does not go to waste. If the food is unopened and the child does not want to eat it, students can put it in a special bin near the trash cans, where it gets saved and then donated to the Hamilton County Food Rescue Program which collects at the school every other week. Cafeteria Manager LeAnn Schelling keeps everything refrigerated until it gets picked up, disposing any items that go past their freshness date. Carmel Elementary is one of several Hamilton County schools that will participate in the food rescue program this year.

Cherry Tree Elementary and Prairie Trace Elementary (both in the Carmel Clay School District) are now also donating to the Hamilton County Food Rescue Program through Grace Community Church.

Collegewood Elementary and West Clay Elementary (also in the Carmel Clay School District) are donating to Our Lady to Mount Carmel's (a local Catholic Church) food pantry.

Participating schools:

Carmel Elementary
Cherry Tree Elementary
Collegewood Elementary
Prairie Trace Elementary
West Clay Elementary