



Zero Hunger Zero Waste: Food Waste Reduction & Food Rescue

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Our Vision

**Zero Hunger | Zero Waste aims
to end hunger in the places we
call home and eliminate waste
in our company by 2025**



**ZERO
HUNGER
ZERO
WASTE**

A grayscale photograph of a person wearing a white shirt, holding a white bowl with both hands. The person's face is not visible, and the background is blurred. The image is used as a background for the text overlay.

What we know

134 YEARS

in the grocery business has taught us a few things about people, and about food

MEALS MATTER

Families that share meals together have children who do better in all aspects of their lives

ABSURDITY

More than 40% of the food produced in the U.S. goes to waste, and yet 1 in 8 Americans struggles with hunger

Kroger – Nashville Division

2018 Results

ZERO HUNGER



2,002,121

total pounds rescued from our stores

This is equivalent to 1,668,434 meals

80% increase in donations
from 2017

ZERO WASTE



60.10%

total waste diversion

8% improvement in waste diversion
from 2017



Food Rescue Program

- This program addresses both hunger and waste
- Our food bank partners visit Kroger stores several times a week to collect food items
 - We are able to donate fresh, frozen and shelf-stable products
 - Reclaim is also sent to the food bank for processing
 - Work with the Food Bank on certain product withdrawals
- Following food safety best practices allows us to donate food items across all perishable departments



ZERO WASTE

- All Nashville Division stores participate in our Food Waste Recycling program
- Methods used to improve waste diversion:
 - Annual compactor audits to review store habits and identify opportunities
 - Exploring additional recycling categories (Ex: cardboard, metal)
 - Signage refresh to improve employee engagement





Thank You!

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