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Foodsharing
– Social Responsibility to Save Food

What is Foodsharing?

Foodsharing was founded in Berlin in 2012 and is a collaborative, sustainable and valuing initiative to stop throwing away food.

Because wasting is a major problem: according to an estimation by WWF, 10% of all greenhouse gas emissions worldwide are caused by throwing away food alone. In addition to the food that is thrown away, energy, time and resources are also wasted.

Facts and Figures of Foodsharing

- Over 450,000 registered users and more than 100,000 volunteers, so-called food savers, have made the initiative an international movement.

- More than 11,000 businesses cooperate, and so far 65 million kilograms of food have been saved from being wasted.

- Around 5,000 more pick-ups take place every day.

- Foodsharing brings together people from a wide range of backgrounds and encourages them to participate, think and use our planet's resources responsibly.

How does Foodsharing work?

The principle of foodsharing is quite simple:

- Volunteer **food savers pick up food directly** from farms, shops, restaurants etc. that can no longer be sold (e.g. due to slight damage, short best-before date).

- A majority of the **saved food is directly distributed** by the food savers to associations, food banks, soup kitchens, friends, neighbours, the rest is used by the food savers themselves.

- In addition, there are around 1,000 so-called **fair dividers, publicly accessible refrigerators and storage rooms for sharing with each other**. Here, anyone can take something out or bring in leftover goods – no registration is required.

Foodsharing as an Opportunity for Social Responsibility in One's Own Business

Advantages of Foodsharing:

With foodsharing you can make a contribution against wasting and to the reduction of greenhouse gases.

With foodsahring you can increase your reputation and visibility among your customers.

Foodsharing saves you money and manpower for example by saving the costs for waste recycling & sorting.

With foodsharing you are flexible. Foodsaver can also pick up sorted goods on weekends, holidays, late evenings, nights and early mornings.

No legal risks. By giving the food to the foodsaver, they take full responsibility for its further use.

Foodsharing – what to consider?

As food keeps us alive, we also want to treat it respectfully.
Giving food to others is a very humane but also responsible thing to do,
so there are a few principles to follow:

The basic rule is always:
"Don't give anything to others that you would no longer eat yourself."

Visit our Website if you want to learn more about other topics in the field of waste and recycling.

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- https://fridaysforfuture.at/blog/foodsharing-nachhaltig-gratis-lebensmittel-einkaufen-507244
- https://foodsharing.de