Training course on Food Waste Reduction in Commercial Kitchens

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Tourism and hospitality	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objective

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the economic, environmental, and ethical impacts of **food waste in commercial kitchens**.
2. Master methodologies for **auditing and quantifying food waste** at various stages of operation.
3. Implement effective strategies for **food waste prevention at the source** (e.g., procurement, storage).
4. Apply techniques for **minimizing waste during food preparation** and production.
5. Develop and manage systems for **reducing post-consumer (plate) waste**.
6. Formulate strategies for optimizing **inventory management and menu engineering** to reduce waste.
7. Leverage **kitchen technology and data analytics** for precise food waste tracking and measurement.
8. Understand and implement various **sustainable food waste disposal methods** (e.g., composting, donation).
9. Develop comprehensive **staff training and engagement programs** for food waste reduction.
10. Analyze the **financial benefits and ROI** of food waste reduction initiatives.
11. Explore **legal and regulatory frameworks** related to food waste.
12. Design a customized **Food Waste Reduction Plan** for their commercial kitchen.
13. Position their establishment as a leader in **sustainable and efficient food service operations**.

Target Audience

This course is designed for professionals committed to improving efficiency and sustainability in commercial food preparation:

1. **Executive Chefs and Kitchen Managers:** Directly responsible for kitchen operations and waste generation.
2. **Food and Beverage Directors/Managers:** Overseeing F&B profitability and sustainability.
3. **Restaurant Owners and Operators:** Seeking to reduce costs and enhance environmental performance.
4. **Sustainability Coordinators:** Leading green initiatives in hospitality or food service.
5. **Purchasing Managers (Hospitality/F&B):** Involved in procurement and supply chain management.
6. **Catering Managers:** Managing waste in large-scale event production.
7. **Institutional Food Service Managers:** (e.g., hospitals, schools) addressing volume waste.
8. **Hospitality Consultants:** Advising clients on operational efficiency and sustainability.

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Course Modules

Module 1: The Global Challenge of Food Waste

- Understanding the Scale and Impact of Food Waste: Economic, Environmental, Social.
- Defining Food Waste vs. Food Loss.
- Sources of Food Waste in Commercial Kitchens: Pre-Consumer, Post-Consumer.
- The Business Case for Food Waste Reduction: Cost Savings, Reputation, Compliance.
- Ethical and Moral Imperatives of Reducing Food Waste.

Module 2: Food Waste Auditing and Measurement

- Methodologies for Conducting a Comprehensive Food Waste Audit.
- Tools and Technologies for Quantifying Food Waste (Weight-Based, Volume-Based).
- Identifying Where and Why Waste Occurs in Your Operation (e.g., spoilage, overproduction, plate waste).
- Analyzing Waste Data to Pinpoint Problem Areas and Opportunities.
- Setting Baselines and Measurable Targets for Waste Reduction.

Module 3: Prevention at the Source: Procurement and Receiving

- Strategic Purchasing to Minimize Waste: Accurate Forecasting, Ordering What's Needed.
- Vendor Relationships and Specifications to Reduce Incoming Waste.
- Implementing Robust Receiving Procedures: Quality Checks, Temperature, Damage Control.
- Best Practices for Stock Rotation (FIFO/FEFO) and Inventory Organization.
- Minimizing Packaging Waste from Deliveries.

Module 4: Prevention at the Source: Storage and Inventory Management

- Optimizing Storage Conditions for Perishables and Dry Goods.
- Proper Labeling and Date Marking to Prevent Spoilage.
- Implementing Advanced **Inventory Management Systems** (Perpetual, Cycle Counts).
- Reducing Theft and Pilferage of Ingredients.
- Strategies for Utilizing All Parts of Ingredients (e.g., vegetable scraps for stocks).

Module 5: Waste Reduction During Food Preparation

- Techniques for Maximizing Ingredient Yield: Proper Trimming, Cutting, Fabrication.
- Using "Ugly" or Imperfect Produce.
- Creative Repurposing of Leftovers and Trimmings (e.g., "Root-to-Stem," "Nose-to-Tail").
- Standardizing Recipes and Portion Control to Prevent Over-Preparation.
- Training Kitchen Staff on Waste-Conscious Practices.

Module 6: Waste Reduction During Food Production and Service

- Optimizing Batch Sizes and Production Schedules to Match Demand.
- Implementing Effective Holding Procedures to Maintain Quality and Prevent Spoilage.
- Strategies for Reducing Plate Waste (Post-Consumer): Portion Sizing, Menu Design.
- Engaging Guests in Waste Reduction Efforts.
- Buffets and Banquets: Best Practices for Minimizing Waste.

Module 7: Menu Engineering for Waste Reduction

- Analyzing Menu Item Popularity and Profitability in Relation to Waste.
- Designing Menus that Utilize Common Ingredients Across Multiple Dishes.
- Incorporating Seasonal and Local Ingredients to Reduce Spoilage and Transport Waste.
- Offering Flexible Portion Sizes and Customization Options.
- Strategically Promoting High-Utilization, Low-Waste Menu Items.

Module 8: Technology for Food Waste Management

- Utilizing **Food Waste Tracking Software and Devices** (e.g., Winnow, Leanpath).
- Integrating Waste Data with POS and Inventory Systems for Comprehensive Insights.
- Smart Kitchen Appliances for Optimized Cooking and Storage.
- Predictive Analytics for Demand Forecasting to Reduce Overproduction.
- Leveraging Digital Tools for Communication and Staff Training on Waste.

Module 9: Sustainable Food Waste Disposal Methods

- Implementing Comprehensive Composting Programs for Organic Waste.
- Collaborating with Food Rescue Organizations for Donation of Edible Surpluses.
- Understanding Anaerobic Digestion and Waste-to-Energy Technologies.
- Safe and Hygienic Collection and Storage of Waste for Disposal.
- Minimizing Landfill Contributions.

Module 10: Staff Engagement and Culture of Waste Reduction

- Developing a Comprehensive Staff Training Program on Food Waste.
- Building a "Green Team" or Waste Champion Program.
- Communicating Goals, Progress, and Successes to All Employees.
- Creating Incentives and Recognition for Waste Reduction Efforts.
- Fostering a Culture of Responsibility and Sustainability in the Kitchen.

Module 11: Financial Benefits and ROI of Food Waste Reduction

- Quantifying the Economic Savings from Reduced Food Purchases.
- Calculating Reduced Waste Disposal Costs.
- Impact on Energy and Water Consumption.
- Enhanced Brand Image and Marketing Opportunities.

- Calculating the **Return on Investment (ROI)** for Food Waste Reduction Initiatives.

Module 12: Legal, Regulatory, and Future Trends

- Overview of Food Donation Liability Protection Laws (e.g., Good Samaritan Food Donation Act).
- Local and National Food Waste Reduction Mandates and Targets.
- Emerging Trends: Upcycled Food Products, Circular Economy Models in Food Service.
- Blockchain for Food Traceability and Waste Prevention.
- The Role of Food Service in Achieving Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally recognized certificate.

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Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.
- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice, to enable better preparation.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price

23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
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