

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 38: WATERS AND NAVIGATION**  
**Chapter 24: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING**

**§2101-B. FOOD RECOVERY HIERARCHY**

**1. Priorities.** It is the policy of the State to support the solid waste management hierarchy in section 2101 by preventing and diverting surplus food and food scraps from land disposal or incineration in accordance with the following order of priority:

- A. Reduction of the volume of surplus food generated at the source; [ 2015, c. 461, §1 (NEW) . ]
- B. Donation of surplus food to food banks, soup kitchens, shelters and other entities that will use surplus food to feed hungry people; [ 2015, c. 461, §1 (NEW) . ]
- C. Diversion of food scraps for use as animal feed; [ 2015, c. 461, §1 (NEW) . ]
- D. Utilization of waste oils for rendering and fuel conversion, utilization of food scraps for digestion to recover energy, other waste utilization technologies and creation of nutrient-rich soil amendments through the composting of food scraps; and [ 2015, c. 461, §1 (NEW) . ]
- E. Land disposal or incineration of food scraps. [ 2015, c. 461, §1 (NEW) . ]

[ 2015, c. 461, §1 (NEW) . ]

**2. Guiding principle.** It is the policy of the State to use the order of priority in this section, in conjunction with the order of priority in section 2101, as a guiding principle in making decisions related to solid waste and organic materials management.

[ 2015, c. 461, §1 (NEW) . ]

**SECTION HISTORY**

2015, c. 461, §1 (NEW) .

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