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The following page(s) represent the content of this activity as it appeared on the original project web site, complete with available points and instructions for submitting documentation. **The project is no longer funded and as of June 2018 schools may no longer submit activity documentation to earn points and recognition as described.** The activity is presented for your information to guide your organization's sustainability efforts.

If your school or district implements the suggested activity and wishes to share its experiences, please email [Joy Scrogum](#). Your story may be incorporated into a blog post on this web site, the main ISTC site, or shared on social media to foster networking and inspiration among peer institutions.

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Complete the Green Lunchroom Challenge Baseline Form

Activity Category: Establish Your Baseline

Activity: Baseline Form

Rationale: Before you can effectively strive for improvement in any endeavor, it's important to assess what you're already doing. This helps identify and prioritize areas of your operation to focus on in improvement efforts. Also, if you have any measures associated with current efforts (e.g. lbs. of food donated to food banks per year, lbs. of waste hauled from your school annually, etc.), gathering that information will make it easier to later quantify the impacts of improvements made during the Challenge period. Finally, the Green Lunchroom Challenge Baseline Form will help you assemble information needed to complete other Challenge activities (e.g. 'Sign up for the US EPA Food Recovery Challenge and submit baseline data').



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Activity Description: Download and complete the Green Lunchroom Challenge Baseline Form (below). You may wish to print out a copy to make notes on, and so you can compile the information at your leisure. Enter your information in the editable electronic form, save it, and submit the file via email as outlined below.

Earn Challenge Points (150 points): Complete and submit the Green Lunchroom Challenge Baseline Form You may only submit this form once for your school. This is for the purpose of establishing your status quo before you make improvements via the Challenge. If you do not have quantities for some of the measures, simply leave those blank (those responses are not required). Save your completed form and email it as an attachment to Joy Scrogum at jscrogum@illinois.edu.

Resources:

 [Downloadable, editable PDF version of the form](#) 

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