



# VANDERBILT Divinity School

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## **Food Waste from Events**

Vanderbilt Divinity School (VDS) wants to ensure its members are minimizing food waste from events and other convenings. Following an event where leftover food and/or non-alcoholic beverages are available, the organizer of the event will notify VDS faculty and staff via email of the type and location of the food/beverages (typically the catering kitchen refrigerator). After a period of two (2) days, any remaining food/beverages will be moved by the event organizer to the student lounge refrigerator with a notification sent to students via email. After two (2) additional days, the event organizer will dispose of any perishable food items and move any shelf-stable food and/or unopened beverages to the catering refrigerator or appropriate storage area.

In keeping with VDS' environmental sustainability goals, caterers who utilize recyclable or compostable materials should be prioritized whenever possible.

Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the VDS Dean or designee.