

*El Pollo Loco*

**FOOD & SUPPLY CHAIN INTEGRITY**

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***WE ARE COMMITTED TO NOURISHING OUR  
GUESTS WITH QUALITY, FRESH INGREDIENTS  
AND BETTER-FOR-YOU MENU OPTIONS THAT  
ARE BOTH SAFE AND DELICIOUS.***

# FOOD WASTE



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that food waste makes up 24% of waste in landfills, making it the most common material in landfills in the U.S. El Pollo Loco is committed to reducing food waste in our restaurants whenever possible.

Due to our focus on made-to-order Fire-Grilled Chicken, we have made great strides in reducing our food waste in company restaurants. While we do our best to forecast and cook in small batches based on anticipated customer needs, providing Fire-Grilled Chicken and health-forward food options inevitably creates some food waste at the end of the evening. It is currently estimated that less than 2% of sales are comprised of food waste at company-owned restaurants.

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- 1 El Pollo Loco continues to work hard towards implementing strategies and programs to further reduce food waste. Our goal is a 20% reduction of food waste in company-owned operations by 2027, and a 50% reduction by 2030. El Pollo Loco also intends to roll out a voluntary food waste reporting program for all franchise-owned restaurants by the end of 2025, with a goal of 50% participation by end of 2027.
- 2 El Pollo Loco has partnered with Food Donation Connection, which connects restaurants with local charities to facilitate food donations. El Pollo Loco's goal is for all company and franchised restaurants to enroll in the program by 2030.
- 3 All El Pollo Loco company-owned restaurants also participate in a used cooking oil recycling program through Baker Commodities, which converts used cooking oil into renewable biodiesel fuel.

# OUR SUPPLIERS



We are proud to partner with suppliers that share our core values regarding quality assurance and laws regarding food safety, animal welfare, environmental protection, labor and employment practices, non-discrimination, and human rights.

Our [Supplier Code of Conduct](#) ensures that our suppliers share these commitments in order to do business with us. To date, nearly all of our suppliers have signed our Supplier Code of Conduct certifying that they meet our standards. Our goal is to have 100% compliance by 2026.

Our PAACO-certified in-house auditor also ensures our suppliers comply with our animal welfare standards.

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**THANK YOU**