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Did you know? We waste 24 million slices of bread every day, even though bread is easy to freeze.

This and other food waste costs an average family £60 a month in food alone. Figures taken from: www.wrap.org.uk/household-food-waste

What do I do with leftovers?

Choose picnic foods that can be 'recycled' safely into other meals. For ways to use up leftovers look at: www.sainsburysfoodrescue.co.uk

You can give away leftovers using the OLIO food sharing app:

Olioex.com

Food that can't be eaten can be composted.

ALL food waste in South Derbyshire can go in your BROWN bin







Thank you to everyone who provided tips and information for this project.

Contact the 'Picnic Rescue' team at rosliston@south-derbys.gov.uk or 01283 535039







Keep food safe and minimise waste...

Chilled food should be kept cooler than 5°C using a cool bag or ice packs. At warmer temperatures it is still safe to eat for a period of up to four hours.

- If you don't have a cool pack try freezing a bottle of water instead.
- Keep meat and egg products separate from other food until you are ready to eat.
- Take a clean blanket or tablecloth to sit on – so that dropped food is still fit to eat.
- Take fruit and salad items whole as they keep longer than cut food.
- Make sandwiches with little or no butter/ margarine to keep them tasting good all day. Try marmite or peanut butter instead.
- Do not handle food with dirty fingers.



For advice on preparing, cooking and storing food safely look at NHS Choices 'Food Safety'.

Be careful with foods such as:

- Cooked meat & poultry, pates, savoury spreads.
- Milk, cream, ice cream, soft cheese.
- Egg / fish based products, mayonnaise, quiches, shellfish.
- Cooked rice and pasta.



Food ideas and portion control

Look in your fridge and store cupboard before you go shopping and see how creative you can be with a bit of online help.

Get the children to decide what they want so that they will eat it.

- Sainsbury's 'Homemade' website search 'picnic'.
- Sainsbury's 'Food Rescue' which also includes a cash calculator.
- BBC Good Food 'Guide' (picnics), 'al Fresco' and camping recipes.
- Love Food Hate Waste 'Portion & Plan'.

Top picnic tips

How much should I take?

If meeting friends, check what they will be bringing.
BBC Good food say we tend to over-cater, so plan for 9 people if expecting 10, plan for 14 if expecting 16 - and so on.

- Sandwiches: use 3 slices of bread for adults and 2 for children.
- Reduce the number of sandwiches if you have other savouries like sausage rolls.
- Give out sandwiches first then they are most likely to get eaten.



Storage ideas:

- If you are taking sandwiches with a single filling e.g. meat or cheese, try freezing the sandwiches before you go. They will defrost on the way and keep cool all day.
- Use air tight or 'fruit save' containers to keep food fresh and stop it getting bruised.
- Take some food bags and elastic bands or bag clips to seal up left over crisps, biscuits or snacks.

Alternatives to sandwiches:

Try bagels, muffins, savoury scones, cobs, pittas or wraps.
Pasties can be great for an all-in-one picnic meal.

Try other easy-toprepare carbohydrates like pasta, quinoa or bulgar wheat.