



In 2012, **community** fridges started in Germany, and the idea quickly moved to other countries, too.

A community fridge is in a **public** space, and people can take food from the fridge if they need it. Also, people can bring food and leave it in the fridge. Some people started to call these fridges love fridges because they brought people together. They showed that many people wanted to help each other.

Last year, around 35 million Americans had problems getting enough food. In 2019, an interesting fact was Americans threw away 35% of all their food. It showed that the problem was not a **lack** of food, but the problem was in communities where people who needed the food most could not get it.

**Difficult words:** **community** (a group of people who live in the same place or who have the same ideas), **public** (open to or shared by all the people of an area or country), **lack** (not enough of something).



## Discussion Questions

### *Topic Talk*

1. Define the word: *community, public and lack*
2. Describe what a community fridge is.
3. When and where did community fridges start?
4. Why did people start calling community fridges as love fridges?
5. According to the article, how much of the food in America was wasted in 2019?
6. It is said that 35 million Americans had problems getting enough food last year, but what was actually the problem?

### *Express Your Thoughts*

1. Are there community fridges in your country?
2. What do you think of this idea?
3. Have there been reports in your country about the lack of food in some communities?  
*If yes, what do you think is the reason for this?*