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Restaurant's all-you-can-eat deal that costs more if you can't

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A New York restaurant is charging customers for food they don't finish.

Hayashi Ya Japanese restaurant is offering an all-you-can-eat spread for \$26.95 – but if you can't finish your meal it will cost you.

The Upper West Side restaurant is adding on a three per cent charge for packing up leftovers for customers to take home.



All you can eat: A Japanese restaurant is charging extra for the food you don't eat

Its manager says the measure was brought in to help eliminate waste and cost.

According to Joel Berg of the New York City Coalition Against Hunger, 27 per cent of all food is thrown out, which is equivalent to a pound of food every day for every American.

He told CBS: 'Most of the food that's wasted ends up in landfills. That's not only bad for the environment, some of it could have gone to feed hungry people.'

As food prices continue to peak, Berg says it is time for Americans to rethink the way they eat.

He added: 'One little blemish on their food and Americans who can afford to do so, throw out that apple.'

'One in six residents can't afford enough food at all. We certainly don't need the other side of the spectrum fancy restaurants offering ridiculous excess portions.'

Some chain restaurants, including TGI Friday, have responded by reducing their portion sizes.

According to a recent study, around 30 million tons of food is wasted every year.

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