

Food Waste

Why it matters

What's happening right now...



Farms grow food



Only 60% of food gets eaten



The rest gets thrown away



...and into the ocean



Everything goes to a landfill

What could be happening right now...



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Everything gets separated



A LOT less goes to the landfill



...and a lot less into the ocean

... and given back to the farmers to grow the crops



Food scraps are composted and turned into fertilizer...



Bottles, cartons, and cans are recycled and reused

Separating trash...



Keeps around 60-80% of trash from going into the landfill to be reused in some way



Prevents pollution



Makes people more aware of how much food they are wasting



Provides farmers with a sustainable way to fertilize their land



Prevents production of methane (a greenhouse gas)



Keeps us from wasting all the resources it took to produce our food (water, energy, fossil fuels, fertilizers, labor, land)

A photograph of a recycling facility. In the foreground, there are large, rectangular bales of compressed paper waste, primarily yellow and white. The bales are stacked in a row, receding into the distance. In the background, there are several utility poles with power lines stretching across a clear blue sky. The ground is a flat, paved surface. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

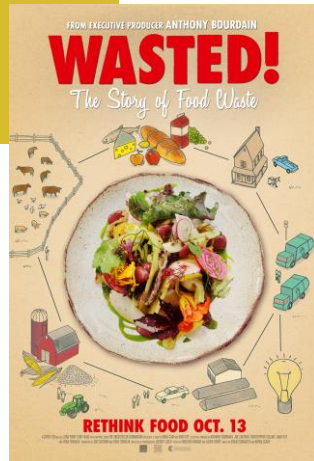
ZERO WASTE CITY

Steps in the right direction

- Many cities including: New York, Seattle, and Los Angeles have pledged to become “zero-waste” by 2030
- California has banned businesses from throwing food scraps into the landfill
- People are a LOT more aware of this problem:



Documentaries



Composting companies



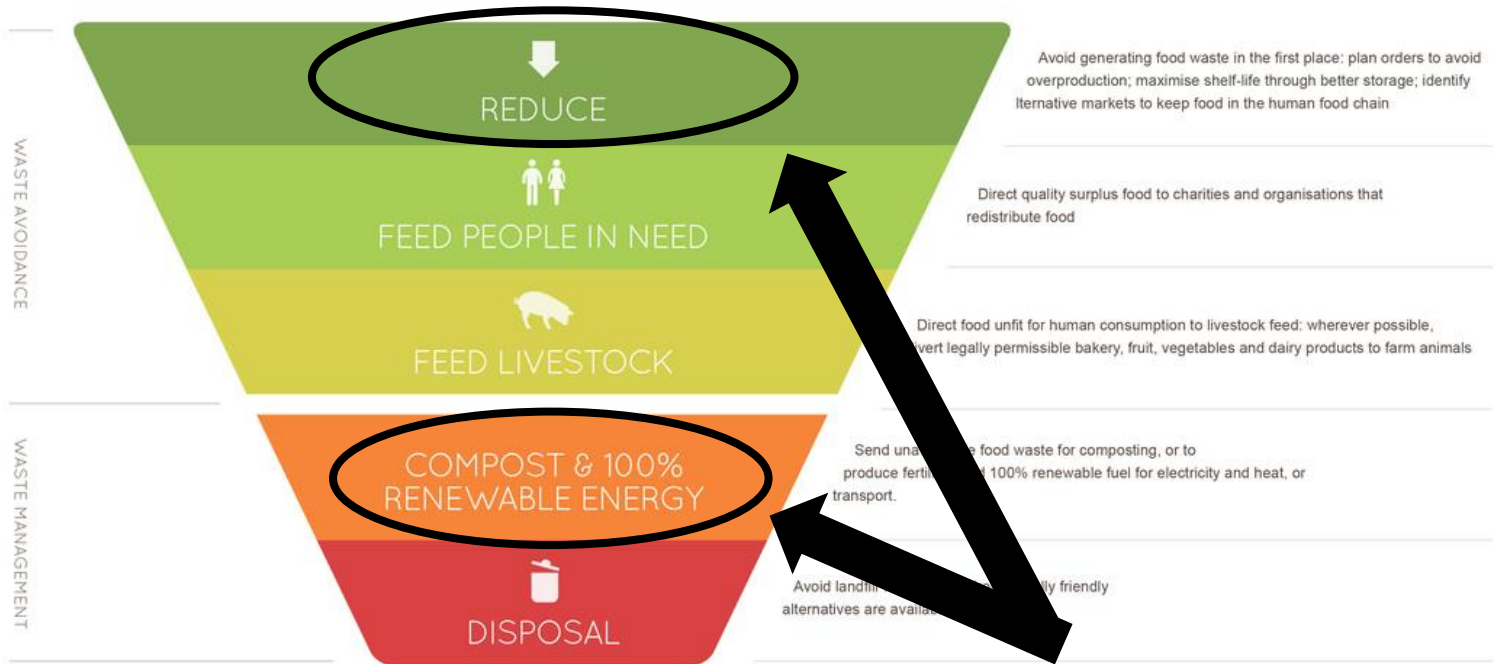
Food collecting organizations



Grocery stores marketing “ugly” produce



the Food Waste Pyramid



This is where YOU can help!

How to separate trash in the cafeteria



Step 1: Share table

- Uneaten unpeeled fruit
- Unopened packaged food: chips, crackers, ketchup, barbeque sauce, sliced veggies etc.
- MILK
- These can be given to someone else



Step 2: Dump liquid

- Milk
- Juice
- Water bottles
- Soda
- Tip: open up your milk ALL THE WAY before you even get in line



Step 3: Recycle

What can go in here

- Milk cartons
- Water and gatorade bottles
- Yogurt bottles
- Lunchable trays
- Cardboard



What can't go in here:

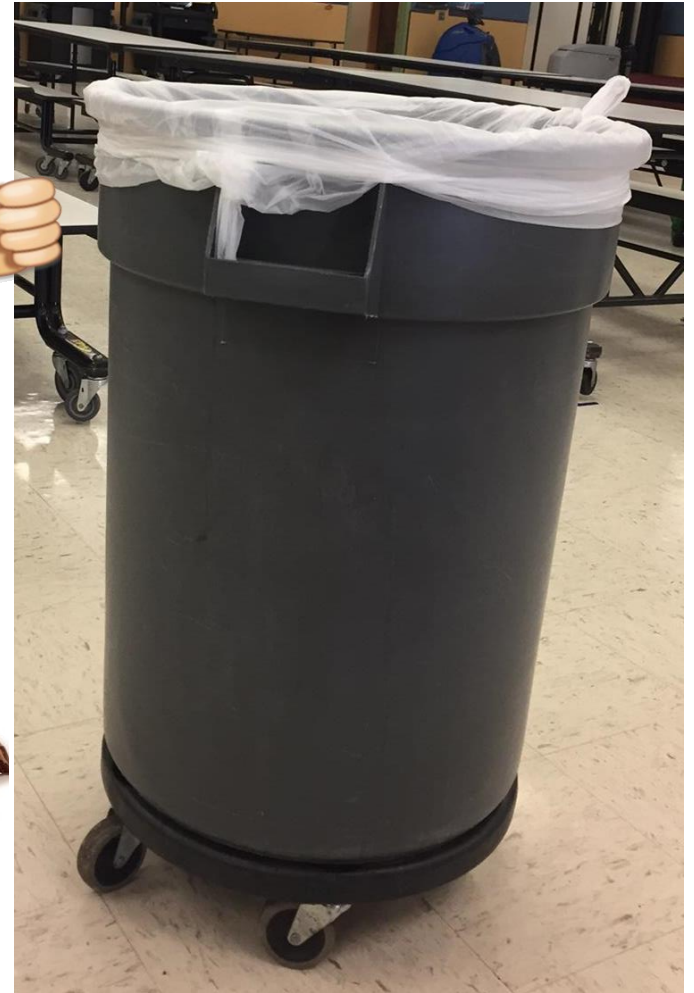
- Food cups
- Capri Sun packs
- Utensils, straws, napkins
- Wrappers, bags
- Food
- Anything else



Step 4: Landfill trash

What can go in here:

- Sporks
- Straws
- Wrappers
- Plastic wrap
- Plastic bags
- Food cups
- Foil
- Napkins
- Chip bags
- Capri Sun pouches
- Soda cups



Step 5: Compost

What can go in here

- Food scraps
- Orange & banana peels
- Chicken bones
- Eggshells
- Any uneaten food
- Corn husks (from tamales)



QUIZ TIME



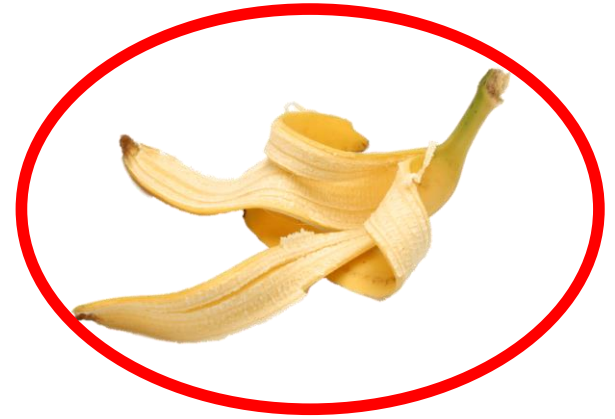
Which one goes in the recycling bin?



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Which one goes in the compost?



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