

# COMPOSTING FOOD WASTE



## REDUCES GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Food waste in a landfill produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas. It is 80 times more harmful for the planet than carbon dioxide. When we compost food waste, it does not produce methane.

## BUILDS HEALTHY SOIL

The organic material that breaks down in a compost pile can produce a rich soil that is great for growing plants.



## DECREASES LANDFILL SPACE

Every year in the US, 30-40% of all food ends up in landfills and currently only 3% is used for composting. In 2018, 25 million tons of food waste was generated in private households alone.

## REDUCES FERTILIZER RUNOFF

Fertilizer for crops washes away into streams and lakes. These harmful chemicals can kill fish and cause algal blooms. Organic compost can replace conventional chemical fertilizers.

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Thank you for doing your part to help make our environment a healthier place!

