

Organics Recycling - Composting

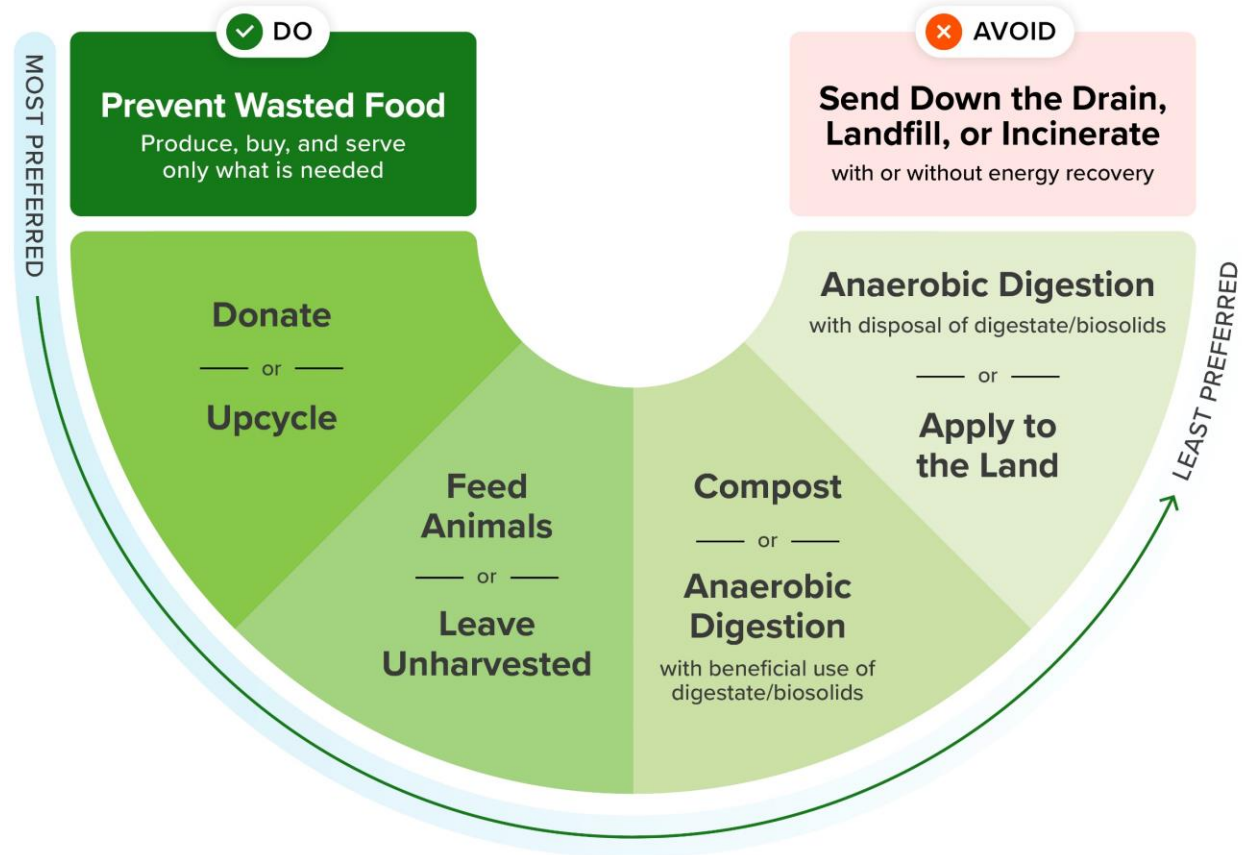
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Wasted Food Scale

How to reduce the environmental impacts of wasted food



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<https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/wasted-food-scale>



Federal Funding for Activities Related to Composting and Organics Recycling

➤ EPA Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants (SWIFR) - 2023

- States/Territories – 23 of 56 projects; ~\$12M
- Communities - 10 of 25 projects; ~\$34M
- Tribes - 24 of 29 projects; ~\$21M

➤ EPA Recycling Education and Outreach Grants (REO) - 2023

- General – 12 of 25 projects; ~\$16M
- Tribes – 24 of 59 projects; ~\$21M

➤ Other EPA Grants: Climate Pollution Reduction; Regional Sustainable Materials Management; Environmental Justice; Environmental Education

➤ USDA Grant Programs

Examples of Federal Funding for Composting, or Related to Composting, in the Mid-Atlantic

EPA SWIFR Grants (2023)

- DC, DE, MD, PA and Baltimore

EPA REO Grants (2023)

- Institute for Local Self-Reliance, World Wildlife Fund, Delaware Valley Citizens Council for Clean Air

EPA Region 3 Grants (2021-2023)

- ECO City Farms, MD
- Philadelphia Parks and Recreation
- Institute for Local Self-Reliance
- Chickahominy Tribe
- Upper Mattaponi Tribe
- Maryland Coalition to Re-Imagine School Waste

USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction Coop. Agreements (2020-2023)

- MD (Montgomery County, Prince George's County, and Edmonston, Greenbelt, Baltimore, Fredrick)
- PA (Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Haverford County)
- VA (Alexandria, Richmond, and Prince William County)
- WV (Clarksburg)

What We're Working On...

- New webpages on composting and benefits of compost use - <http://www.epa.gov/composting>
- Assessment of climate action plans and states/municipalities that include organics diversion and composting/compost use in them - <https://www.epa.gov/smm/example-government-climate-action-plans-address-materials-management-and-waste>
- Research on the environmental benefits associated with compost use.
- Community composting: video series; analysis of barriers - <https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/community-composting>

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