

About food waste facts in the World and Australia

The World:

- There is enough food produced in the world to feed everyone. ¹
- One third of all food produced is lost or wasted –around 1.3 billion tons of food –costing the global economy close to \$940 billion each year.
- One in nine people do not have enough food to eat, that's 793 million people who are undernourished.
- If one quarter of the food currently lost or wasted could be saved, it would be enough to feed 870 million hungry people.
- Almost half of all fruit and vegetables produced are wasted (that's 3.7 trillion apples).
- 8% of greenhouse gases heating the planet are caused by food waste.
- If food waste was a country, it would be the third biggest emitter of greenhouse gases after USA and China.
- Eliminating global food waste would save 4.4 million tons of CO² a year, the equivalent of taking one in four cars off the road.
- Throwing away one burger wastes the same amount of water as a 90-minute shower.

In Australia:

- The Government estimates food waste costs the Australian economy \$20 billion each year.
- Over 5 million tons of food ends up as landfill, enough to fill 9,000 Olympic sized swimming pools.
- One in five shopping bags end up in the bin = \$3,800 worth of groceries per household each year.
- 35% of the average household bin is food waste.
- Nearly four million people experience food insecurity each year, one quarter are children.
- Over 710,000 people rely on food relief each month, one quarter are children.
- Regional and remote communities are being hit the hardest and are a third more likely to experience food insecurity than those living in capital cities.

Reference:

<https://www.ozharvest.org/what-we-do/environment-facts/>