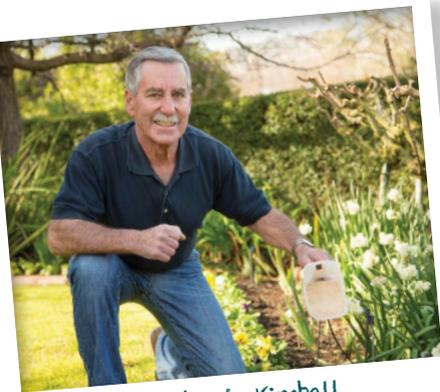


Halve Waste

reduce • reuse • recycle

PLAN A LITTLE
SAVE A LOT!

Australians throw away \$9.6 billion worth of food every year. With a little planning, you can not only save money, but also help reduce the amount of food waste going to landfill.



Gumboots Kimball
- Garden Expert

Food and garden waste are the main sources of organic waste.

Each Australian household throws away \$1,050 worth of food per annum.

We want to reduce the amount of food that's going to waste. This fact sheet has some great hints and tips which will allow you to

reduce your food waste and save you money!

IT ALL ADDS UP

When you throw out food, you are also throwing away the resources it took to get that food from 'paddock to plate,' which includes production, processing, storage, refrigeration, transportation and cooking.

Dumping a kilo of beef wastes the 50,000 litres of water it took to produce that meat. Throwing out a kilo of white rice will waste 1,550 litres and discarding a kilo of potatoes will waste 500 litres.

ORGANICS

FOOD AND GARDEN WASTE

THE VALUE OF COMPOSTING

When organic waste rots in landfill, it produces a greenhouse gas called methane, which is 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

More than 500 kilograms of leachate are generated per tonne of food waste landfilled. For every kilogram of food that is recovered, 56 litres of water is saved.



TIPS TO REDUCE ORGANIC WASTE

- ✓ Compositing and avoiding food waste are the best methods for dealing with organic waste locally
- ✓ Plan your shopping and weekly meals before heading to the supermarket
- ✓ Utilise your green lidded organics bin for your food and green waste. It is turned into compost for our farmers (Not in the areas of Greater Hume Council & Towong Shire)
- ✓ Buy imperfect fruit and vegies - this helps to reduce food waste on farms
- ✓ Store foods in air-tight containers to help them last longer and avoid pests
- ✓ Eat Leftovers! Don't let them go to waste.

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