

King County Green Schools Program



It is time to **Reduce Food Waste**

King County Green Schools Program can help

206,973,000

pounds of food could be kept from the landfill in King County every year!

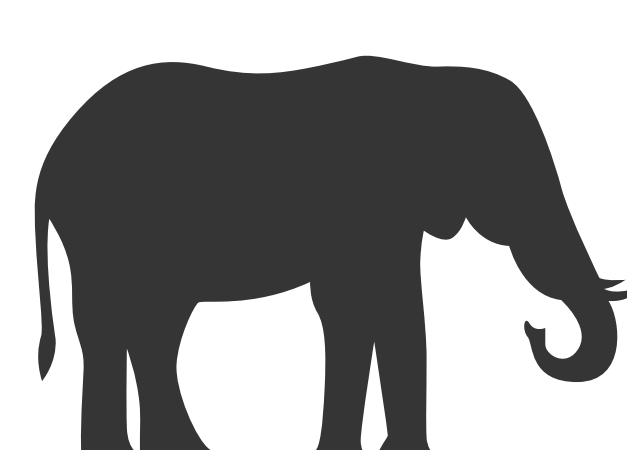


the weight of
6,786



OR

the weight of
16,558

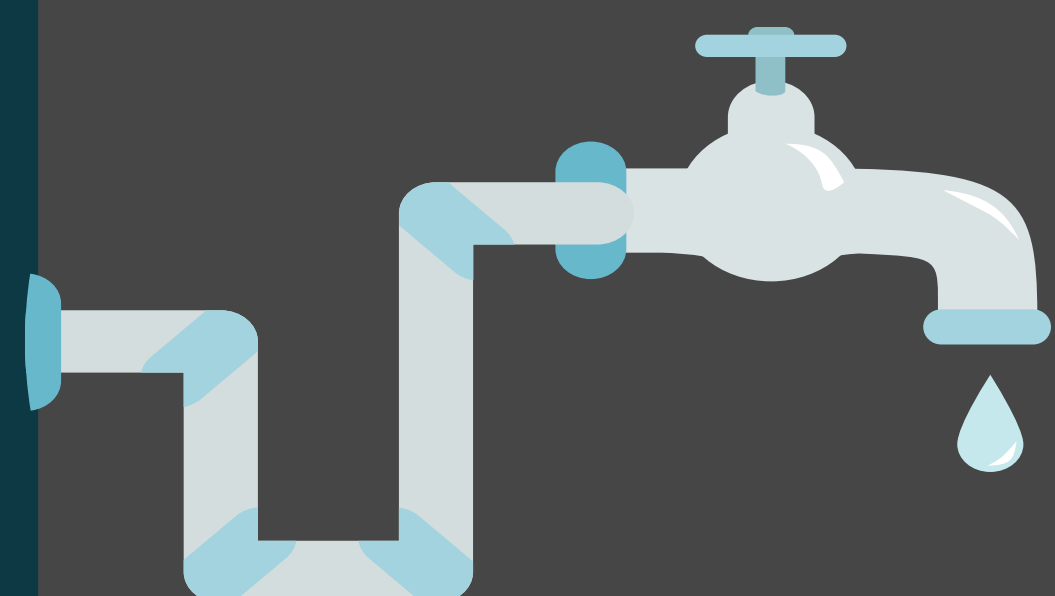


Based on 530,700 single family households in King County (2014) and an average of 390 pounds of food waste per household.

It is not nutrition if it is in the garbage or compost bin

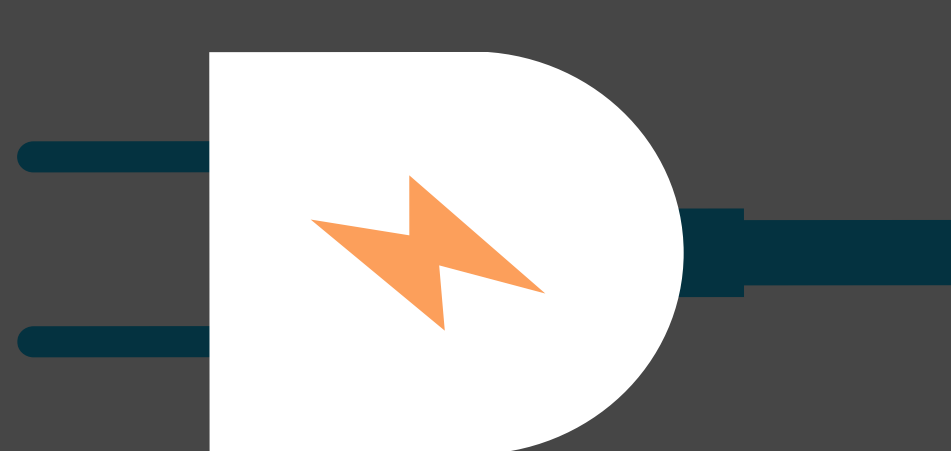
Wasted food = Wasted resources

U.S. food waste uses:

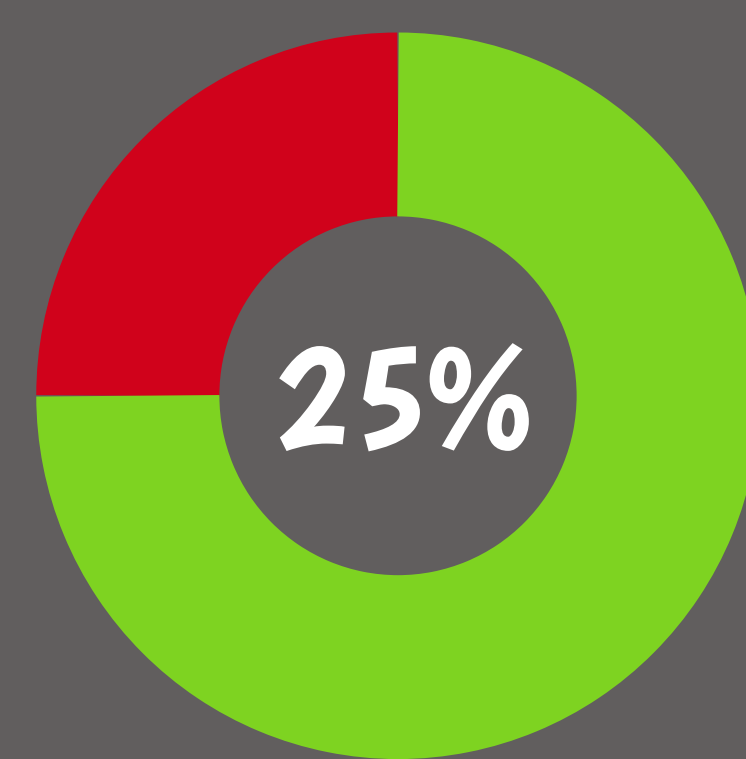


25% of all
our fresh
water

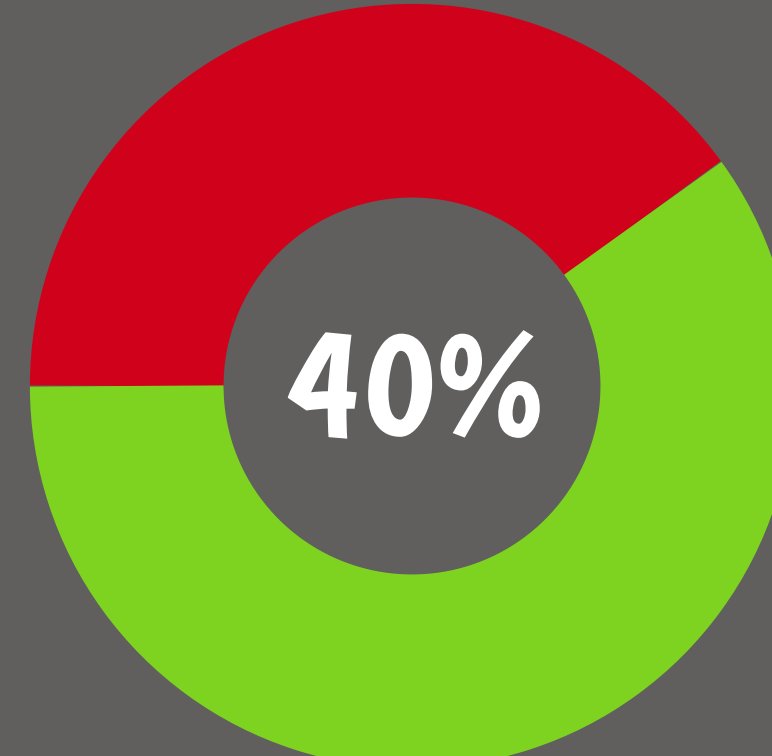
Enough energy
to power the
country for a
week



In the U.S., we waste 1/4 of
the food we purchase



In schools, an estimated 40% of
school cafeteria garbage is
wasted food



5 ways our school can help

1

Start a school-wide
information campaign

Take what you
will eat and eat
what you take



2

Keep track of menu items

that are not being eaten, and share
the list with district food services

3

Place unopened items from
the school lunch program on a
share table

Still
hungry?
Take One



School Food Share

4

Participate in a school
food donation program

5

Collect
compostable materials
to be turned into compost at a
compost facility

