

# What's the Problem with Wasted Food?

[ Wasting food is expensive... ]

## \$750 Million



The cost of landfilling all of the wasted food in America each year.

## \$1600 per year

The amount of money the average family of four spends on food that goes uneaten every year.



That's the same as leaving 1 out of every 4 bags of groceries at the store.

[ Wasting food wastes significant amounts of natural resources... ]

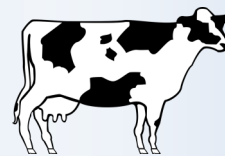
## 2.5 Billion

The number of acres it takes to grow just the food we waste world-wide.



That's slightly larger than all 50 states.

25 % of all the freshwater supplies in America are used to produce food that is wasted.



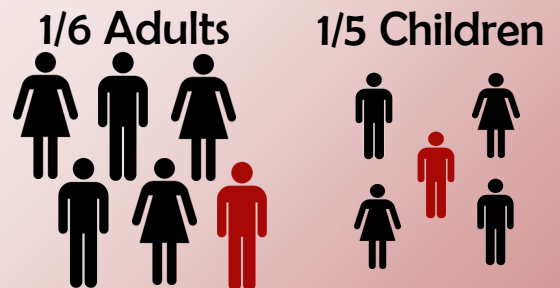
Wasting 1 lb. of beef wastes **2,500 gallons** of water.

[ Wasted food contributes to climate change... ]

When wasted food rots in landfills it produces methane, a greenhouse gas **21x more powerful** than CO<sub>2</sub>. In the U.S., wasted food produces **25%** of methane emissions.



**50 million** Americans are currently food insecure.



Reducing food loss in the U.S. by just **15%** could help feed more than **25 million** Americans.



If all the wasted food in the world were compiled into one country, it would be the **3rd largest** greenhouse gas emitter in the world.



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