

King County Green Schools Program

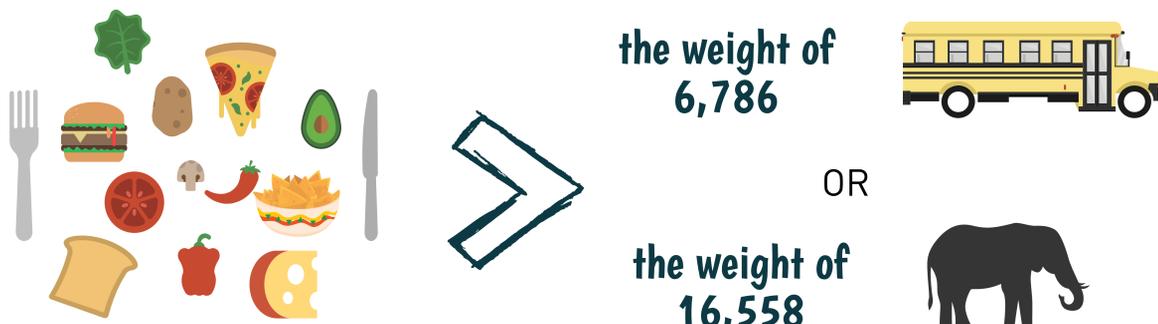


It is time to **Reduce Food Waste**

King County Green Schools Program can help

206,973,000

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



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:

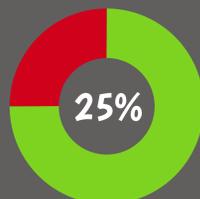


25% of all our fresh water

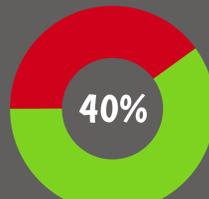
Enough energy to power the country for a week



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

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Start a school-wide **information campaign**

Take what you will eat and eat what you take



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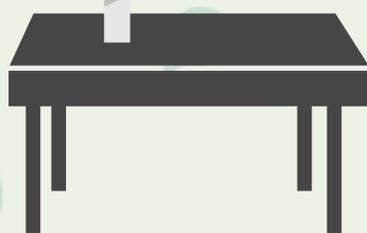
Keep track of menu items that are not being eaten, and share the list with district food services



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

Still hungry? Take One



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Participate in a school **food donation** program



School Food Share

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

