

From plate to planet, you can make a difference.

Take control over climate change by reducing your food waste.

Food waste is one of the leading causes of greenhouse gases and climate change. You can make a big difference by taking action right in your kitchen!



strategize Think Now, Enjoy Later



Make a Shopping List This helps you buy only what you need, preventing impulse buys that might go to waste.

Buy Fresh Ingredients in Smaller Quantities Purchasing only what you can eat means you'll waste less.

Plan a Weekly "Leftover Night" Designating a night for leftovers keeps food from being forgotten in the fridge.



organize Make Food Last Longer



Store Food in Clear Containers You'll eat what you see, encouraging food use before it spoils.

Freeze Surplus Food Freezing food extends its life. Be sure to label it so it's not forgotten.

Separate Potatoes and Onions Storing these apart helps slow sprouting, prolonging their shelf life.



PRIORITIZE **Eat First, Waste Less**



Shop Your Kitchen First Use what you already have at home before buying more.

Create an 'Eat This First' Area Designate a spot in your fridge and pantry for items that need to be consumed soon.

Understand 'Best-By' Dates Knowing that 'best-by' dates are about quality, not safety, can prevent good food from being thrown away. Learn more at: <u>savethefood.com</u>



Reduce food waste. Reduce greenhouse gases. More tips at www.cityofpaloalto.org/foodwaste

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Fruit & Veggie STORAGE GUIDE

Keep Your Food Fresher, Longer Because reducing food waste reduces greenhouse gases.

REFRIGERATOR



• Store ripe fruit and apples away from other produce

our fridge

- Use bags or containers to prevent drying
- Wrap leafy greens in a moist towel and put in an airtight container
- Loosely wrap herbs, other than basil, in a moist towel and put in an airtight container
- Wash produce just before cooking or eating

COUNTER, THEN REFRIGERATOR







 Keep these items on the counter until ripe and then move to the refrigerator

COUNTER







- Keep bananas away from other produce
- Trim the ends of basil and place in a cup of water

PANTRY





- Keep these items in a cool, dark, well-ventilated place
- Store potatoes separately from onions to prevent sprouting

More information at savethefood.com/storage

Use these tips to prevent food waste, and help reduce greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change.

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