

How to reduce and make better use of waste?

The best way to reduce the environmental impacts of waste is to prevent it in the first place. Storing food well, planning your meals, shopping smart and avoiding excessive packaging are all ways to prevent waste. Many items that we throw away could also be re-used, and others can be recycled for raw materials.



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of municipal waste is generated per person per year in the EU.

40%

of treated municipal waste in the EU is recycled or composted.

1/3

of the food produced globally is lost or wasted.