

## **Food Waste 2040 Conclusion**

The illegalization of food waste by 2040 has completely changed the way we live. Industrial farming is obsolete, compost bins match trashcans in number, and landfills are growing at a fraction of the rate from 2018. The country is a better place to be now. Not only has the change been affected by governmental legislation, the mindset of the nation has completely shifted from one of ignorance surrounding what food waste does in landfills to understanding that composting is the only way to dispose of food. The country could not have changed as quickly as it did had the behavior and attitude of the population not followed the need for change.

Industrial farming has been completely done away with. The process was deemed too wasteful among maintaining the facilities, producing crops, and transporting goods. Cross-country movement of produce was too inefficient and resulted in damaged food that people were not willing to buy when no one knew for how long they had been sitting on the shelf. Small-scale farms feed the local community, ensuring enough food is grown for everyone. Less people go hungry as locals buy from these small farms instead of relying on industrial processes that overproduced but somehow couldn't get food to the starving. Households that can support a home garden do so, cutting down their dependence on outsourced farming. "Ugly" food is no longer a concern considering people know exactly where the produce came from and understand that there is nothing wrong with the food.

Most people do not understand how composting wasn't part of the food disposal system before; composting completes the food loop by replenishing home and local farms, which is the obvious answer to food waste in most people's eyes nowadays. Because these farms feed the entire community, their upkeep is essential to the operation. Municipal composting centers collect the food waste from homes and treat it in their community centers. That treated compost is then redistributed to local farms and home gardens to support the nutrient cycle. This process is simply a way of life now, and no one questions it.

Communities are in touch with what they consume now, and the earth is better off for it. Food is much more accurately distributed to communities' specific population needs, ensuring that people have access to nutrition without having to travel far distances. Water is saved by eliminating industrial farming and by banning food in landfills. The planet and its inhabitants are happier and healthier now, and it is a wonder no one thought to do this sooner.