

# DON'T WASTE FOOD SC

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Food waste is the

# No. 1

item thrown away in the United States.

SOURCE: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

# 40%

of all food produced is never eaten.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Agriculture



South Carolina produced an estimated

# 630,000 TONS

of food waste in fiscal year (FY) 2018.\*

SOURCE: DHEC



Throwing away one egg wastes

# 55 gallons

of fresh water.

SOURCE: savethefood.com



Nearly

# 700,000

South Carolinians are food insecure.

SOURCE: Feeding America



A family of four on average spends

# \$1,800

each year on food that is thrown away.

SOURCE: Natural Resources Defense Council



# 1,400

jobs are created for every 1 million tons of material composted.

SOURCE: S.C. Department of Commerce



The state has joined the nationwide campaign to cut food waste in

# 1/2

by 2030.

Fruits and vegetables are the

# TOP 2

items thrown away.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Agriculture

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