



## ***February Focus: Food Waste***

**Fact:** More than 38 million tons of food waste was generated in the U.S. in 2014, with only 5.1% diverted from landfills and incinerators for composting. It is estimated that more food waste reaches landfills and incinerators than any other material in our everyday trash, constituting 21.6% of discarded municipal solid waste.

**Did You Know...**that the USEPA's food waste hierarchy prioritizes actions organizations can take to prevent and divert wasted food? Visit <https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/food-recovery-hierarchy> for more details.

**Consumers Can Help Reduce Food Waste!** - Learn how to reduce food waste at home and save money at the same time! Check out the helpful tips at <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/reducing-wasted-food-home>.

**Composting is Part of the Solution!** - Food waste can be composted to create a product that can be used to help improve soils. Learn more at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycling/educationandlinks.html>.