

### **Environmental Task Force Green Tip: You, Too, Can Compost**

From *Drawdown – The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming*, edited by Paul Hawken:

“Like all living beings, humans create waste, but that waste can be uniquely problematic. Nearly half of the solid waste produced around the world is organic or biodegradable. A key contributor to that rubbish flow is food waste, as well as litter from yards and parks. Today, much of this waste ends up in landfills. It decays in the absence of oxygen, producing the potent greenhouse gas methane, which is thirty-four times more powerful than carbon dioxide over one hundred years. While many landfills have some form of methane management, it is far more effective to divert organic waste for composting.

In 2015, an estimated 38 percent of food waste was composted in the United States; 57 percent was composted in the European Union. If all lower-income countries reached the U.S. rate and all higher-income countries achieved the E.U. rate, composting could avoid methane emissions from landfills equivalent to 2.3 gigatons of carbon dioxide by 2050.”

To do your part in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, compost your food waste. To learn more about composting, here are a few links to websites that can get you started.

Composting Is Way Easier Than You Think:

[https://www.nrdc.org/stories/composting-way-easier-you-think?gclid=Cj0KCQiAv\\_HSBRCKARIsAGaSsrCr66MRNVMvUhvyel\\_dJcvU4kX2aHzegZIHDeNmeAoOuaKf3rlA7YwaAjZaEALw\\_wcB](https://www.nrdc.org/stories/composting-way-easier-you-think?gclid=Cj0KCQiAv_HSBRCKARIsAGaSsrCr66MRNVMvUhvyel_dJcvU4kX2aHzegZIHDeNmeAoOuaKf3rlA7YwaAjZaEALw_wcB)

Compost at Home:

<https://www.planetnatural.com/composting-101/compost-at-home/>

Composting Made Easy:

<https://littlegreendot.com/composting-made-easy/>

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