# Save The Planet - With a Healthy You YOU to the Power of 3

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# Knowing!

35% < of world's food production is lost or wasted each year

\$\$\$ Canadians spend on food per year is wasted, or enough to feed every Canadian for five months.

saves you

https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2022/11/food-waste-101-the-facts-and-solutions/

money!

# Is there hope?











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1/2 of all produce is thrown away in US

because it is seen as being too 'ugly' to eat



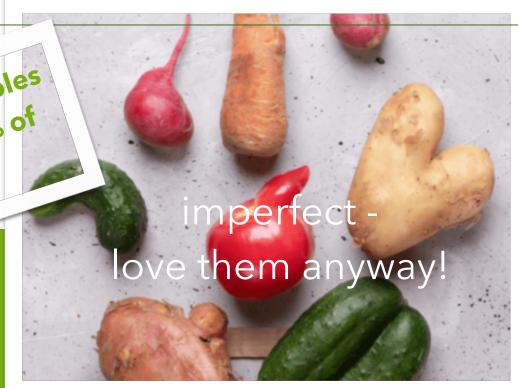
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Fruits and vegetables

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account for 45% of account for waste food waste

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#### **THREE MAIN TYPES OF FOOD WASTE**





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eal more

Healthier Bodies improves the benefits reduces of chemotherapy LDL (bad) cholesterol inhibits growth of breast cancer tumors saves you controls seasonal lowers risk of allergies type 2 diabetes promotes money! healthy loss of belly fat

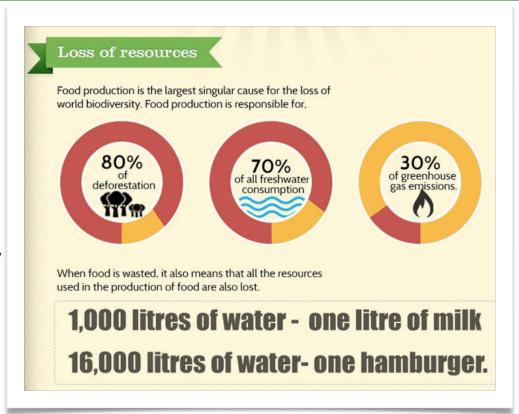


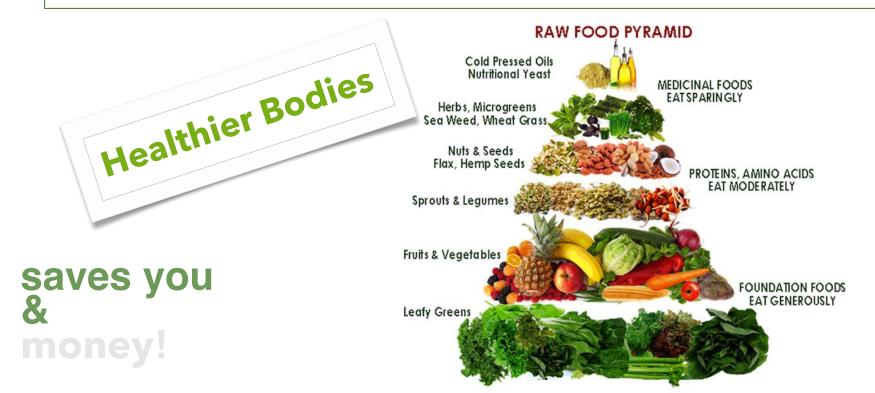
#### So what can we do?

- 1. Eat Local
- 2. Eat Fresh
- 3. Eat balanced
- 4. Eat regularly
- 5. Eat consciously

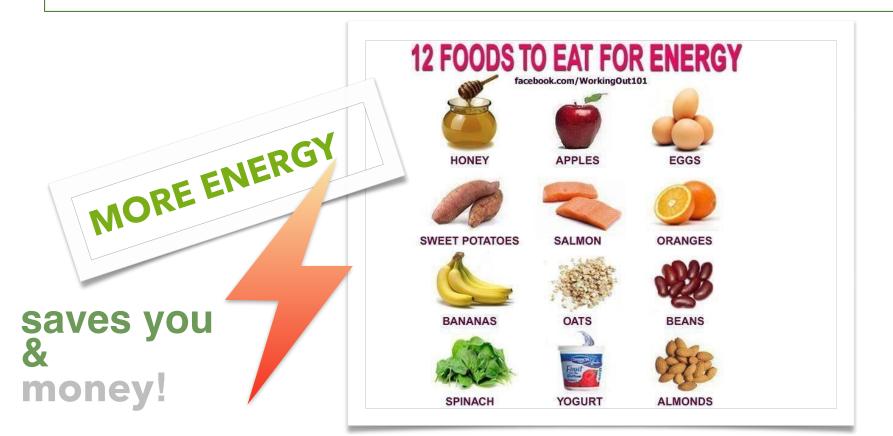
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\$31 billion = 40% of food produced food wasted

in Canada

# Here's the low down: cheap food is actually very expensive \$\$\$

From use of artificial fertilizer and pesticides to the effects of soil degradation, water pollution, climate change and the obesity epidemic

our current food system has a significant number of hidden costs to the natural environment and human health.

these very real costs far outweigh the benefits of "cheap" food. from: http://www.natureandmore.com/the-true-cost-of-food-how-it-works

### Does NOT save you & money!



#### **Hidden Costs of Cheap Food Production**

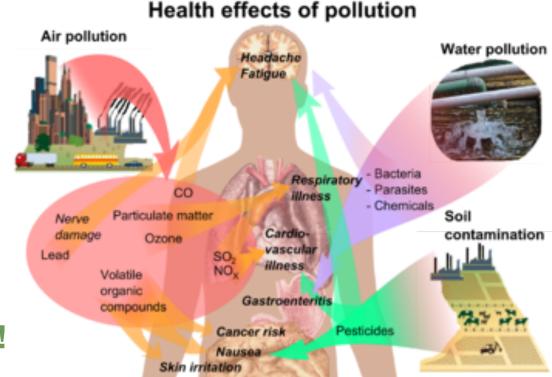
Pollutants & Pesticides:

Pollute local wilderness areas Pollute our bodies Pollute our bodies of water

Destroy healthy environments Destroy beneficial bacteria & Nutrients

Increase defects in nature

Does NOT save you & money!



#### What foods are most affected?

The USA National Academy of Sciences found that the worst foods for residues are, in descending order:

- 1. Tomatoes
- 2. Beef
- Potatoes
- 4. Oranges
- Lettuces
- 6. Apples
- 7. Peaches
- 8. Pork



- 10. Soybeans
- 11. Beans
- Carrots
- 13. Chicken
- 14. Corn
- 15. Grapes

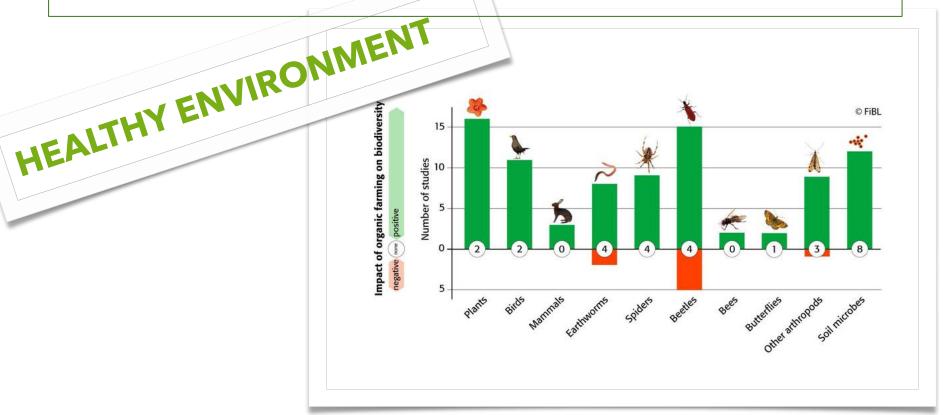


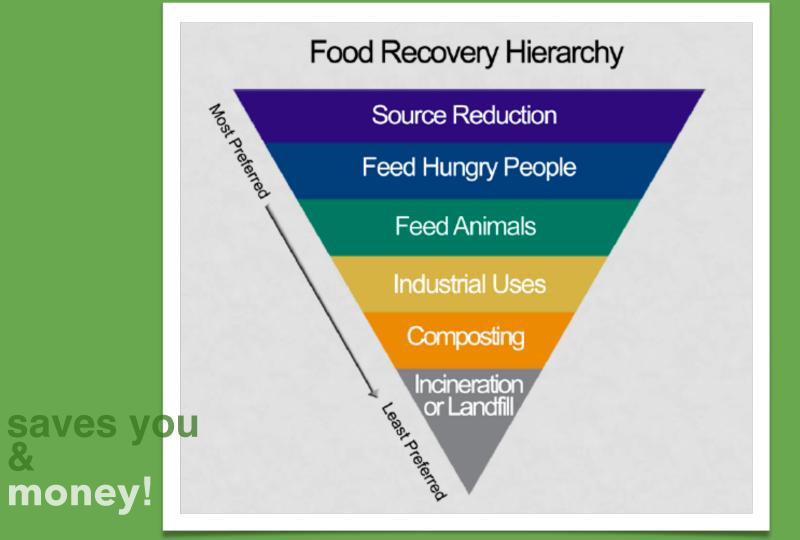
### List of the Top 10 Worst Foods for

#### **Pesticides**



**Non Organic Meat Berries Apples** Soft fruit (grapes, peaches...) **Cucumbers Potatoes** Spinach, leafy greens Milk & all Dairy Coffee Pastas, wheats





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#### When a calorie isn't a calorie:

Parsing the raw vs. cooked food debate and the curious case of almonds

"The notion that our body can derive variable amounts of calories from food is an intriguing one. At the very least, it is another piece in the puzzle suggesting that whole, minimally processed, and yes, in some cases raw foods might not only be better for our health, but possibly our weight. So, while more research is needed (and raw meat is still generally not recommended), you might want to pass on the applesauce or mashed potatoes and grab the real thing instead."

http://news.nationalpost.com/health/when-a-calorie-isnt-a-calorie-parsing-the-raw-vs-cooked-food-debate-and-the-curious-case-of-almonds

- 1. Healthier Environment
- 2. Healthier Bodies
- 3. More Energy
- 4. Less work
- 5. Greater local diversity
- 6. Stronger Social Network

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#### Less work:

ITHACA, N.Y. — Organic farming produces the same yields of corn and soybeans as does conventional farming, but uses 30 percent less energy, less water and no pesticides, a review of a 22-year farming trial study concludes.

The Vertical Harvest farm is a three-story hydroponic greenhouse on a 30 foot by 150 foot plot of land in Jackson, Wyoming. The company is capable of producing more than 37,000 pounds of greens, 4,400 pounds of herbs and 44,000 pounds of tomatoes.



Muskmelon What does eating for A CENTURY AGO In 1903 commercial Lettuce seed houses offered Radish hundreds of varieties as shown in this sampling of ten crops. the planet offer us? Sweet corn Squash Tomato Cabbage DIVERSIT Cucumber **80 YEARS LATER** By 1983 few of those varieties were found in the saves you & National Seed Storage Laboratory.\* money!

#### Greater local diversity

Local food supports the local economy. The money that is spent with local farmers and growers all stays close to home and is reinvested with businesses and services in your community.

Local food benefits the environment. By purchasing locally grown foods you help maintain farmland and green and/or open space in your community.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/7\_benefits\_of\_eating\_local\_foods



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# Eating well... For the Environment With Environment!

For the body - With the body

For the mind - with the mind

For the spirit - With the Spirit



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# Planning Tips on Eating Healthy for you and the Planet:

#### At the Store

- 1. Shop smart. Plan meals, use grocery lists, and avoid impulse buys.
- 2. Buy what you need.
- 3. Be realistic. If you live alone, you won't need the same number of apples as a family of four (unless you really like apples).
- 4. Buy funny-looking produce.
- 5. Have a Plan B. Let's say you buy Camembert to make a fancy dish for that fancy dinner party and then the dinner party is canceled.

Are you committed to reducing food waste? Share in the comments get in touch with the author on Twitter @lauranewc.

#### Less is more.

# Planning Tips on Eating Healthy for you and the Planet:

#### At Home

- Practice FIFO. It stands for First In, First Out. Monitor what you throw away.
- Take stock. Note upcoming expiration dates on foods you already have at home, and plan meals around the products that are closest to their expiration.
- Designate one dinner each week as a "use-it-up" meal.
- Eat leftovers! Brown-bag them for work or school for a free packed lunch.
- Use it all. When cooking, use every piece of whatever food you're cooking with, whenever possible.
- 12. Store better. If you regularly throw away stale chips/cereal/crackers/etc store them in airtight containers
- Repurpose leftovers scraps. Use vegetable and meat scraps in homemade stocks, and use citrus fruit rinds and zest to add flavor to other meals.
- Check the fridge. Make sure it's functioning at maximum efficiency. Look for tight seals, proper temperature
- Preserve produce. Freeze, Dry, Juice, Dehydrate, Can, Pickle, Ferment.
- Donate what you won't use. Donate the gross stuff, too! Compost!
- Store food properly in the fridge. Store things properly in the freezer.

#### Planning Tips on Eating Healthy for you and the Planet:

#### At Meal Time

- Check in with your belly.--- fact, one study found that reducing portion sizes is an easy way to reduce food waste
- Split the dish. If eating out, split a dish with a friend so you don't waste half of the giant portion sizes found at many restaurants.
- Take home leftovers. (bonus eco points if you bring your own reusable container!)
- Share. Made a quadruple recipe of a casserole you ended up disliking? Gift it to friends, family, or neighbors —
- Educate other people by sharing your awesome recipes & skills!
- Originally published June 2013. Less is more.

#### Resources:

TUG - Toronto Urban Growers

-- <a href="http://torontourbangrowers.org/">http://torontourbangrowers.org/</a>

Fresh City Farms

-- https://www.freshcityfarms.com/

Organic Council of Ontario

-- http://www.organiccouncil.ca/

#### Resources

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