

# Impacts of Landfilling Organic Waste

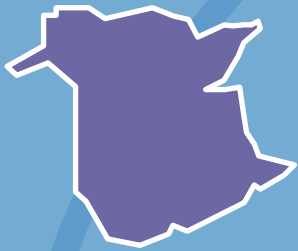
## WHAT IS ORGANIC WASTE?

Biodegradable materials from a plant or animal. It includes food waste, spoiled paper, yard waste, and pet waste.

Organic waste makes up

**30% OF THE TOTAL LANDFILLED WASTE**

in New Brunswick.



This is enough to fill over

**17,000**

**GARBAGE TRUCKS/YEAR.**



## WHEN BURIED IN LANDFILLS, ORGANIC WASTE WILL:

**1**

### GENERATE GREENHOUSE GASES

While Regional landfills are equipped to partially manage these gases, they remain among the top emitters of greenhouse gases in the province.

**2**

### REDUCE THE LIFESPAN OF LANDFILLS

Organic waste takes up a lot of space in landfills and expanding them is costly.

**3**

### RESULT IN A LOSS OF RESOURCES

When organics are buried, they are lost forever rather than being used to make products such as compost.

**4**

### ATTRACT ANIMALS

This negatively impacts their health due to the unnatural diet and habitat.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?



### REDUCE:

Reduce your food waste. Eat or donate leftovers to local foodbanks.



### REUSE:

Buy reusable alternatives to paper towel and reuse leftover food in future meals.



### COMPOST:

Participate in a curbside program or try composting at home.



**WE ALL HAVE A PART TO PLAY IN REDUCING ORGANIC WASTE.**

To learn more, visit [GNB.CA/WasteDiversion](http://GNB.CA/WasteDiversion)

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