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## HALF OF ALL FOOD AND WATER PRODUCED WORLDWIDE GOES TO WASTE

A report authored by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, the Stockholm International Water Institute, and the International Water Management Institute asserts that more than half of all food and water produced worldwide goes to waste. The brief, "Saving Water: From Field to Fork- Curbing Losses and Wastage in the Food Chain" encourages governments to reduce the rate of food waste by 2025.

According to Treehugger, ten trillion gallons of water is necessary to produce \$48 billion worth of wasted food annually.



In the U.S. alone, around 40 trillion liters of water (roughly the amount needed to produce 30% of the country's food), enough to supply the needs of 500 million families, are lost every year.

The report's authors are shocked by the rampant food and water waste:

That's like leaving the tap running and pouring 40 trillion liters of water into the garbage can - enough water to meet the household needs of 500 million people.