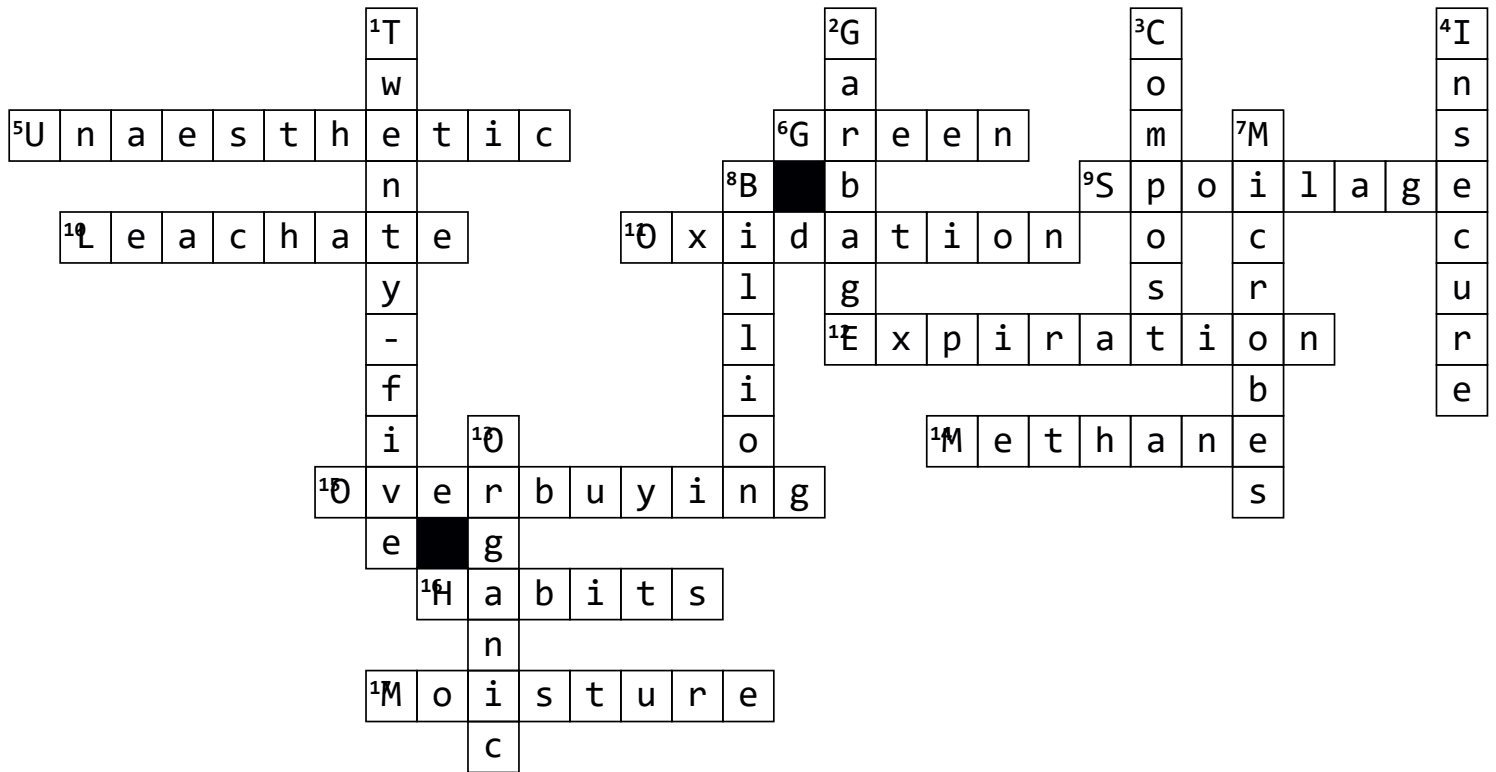


Don't Trash Food



Across

5. Grocery stores can help mitigate food loss by selling unavoidable looking produce. Even though produce may be misshapen or oddly sized, the nutritional content of the food remains the same.
6. Instead of throwing food scraps into trash bins that only add to landfill waste, throw scraps into compost bins to create community compost.
9. The process by which food products become unsuitable for human consumption.
10. The byproduct of food waste being broken down in a landfill.
11. When air interacts with food and food components, this type of reaction occurs. This reaction is responsible for avocados and apples turning brown and fats going rancid.
12. "Use by" and "Sell by" dates are not expiration dates.
14. This greenhouse gas is released from landfills, and one of the largest contributors is the degradation of food scraps.
15. You can prevent from doing this when you grocery shop by creating shopping lists and weekly dinner menus.

Down

1. The percentage of the world's fresh water supply used to grow food that is never eaten.
2. The catch-all term used to describe spoiled food and wasted food.
3. A mixture of decomposed organic materials used to improve soil quality or as plant fertilizer.
4. In 2021, roughly 54 million Americans were considered to be food insecure, meaning they did not know where their next meal would come from.
7. Organisms that cause food to spoil, but can also transform food waste into compost.
8. When accounting for global food waste, all grown, but uneaten, food uses 1.4 billion hectares of arable land.
13. Waste materials, such as lawn clippings and food waste, are classified as biodegradable waste matter. This type of waste is biodegradable.

16. Changing our buying _____ not only helps to mitigate food waste at home, but it also helps mitigate food loss that occurs in grocery stores and packing plants.

17. When foods increase in _____, the increased water content allows for fungi and bacteria to grow quickly, leading to food spoilage.