Special Issue

Reducing Household Food Waste: Drivers and Interventions

Message from the Guest Editor

Household food waste is an environmental, social, and economic issue. Drivers of waste include attitudes, social norms, motivations, and socio-demographics. Levers for behavior change involve planning, shopping, storing, cooking, and reusing leftovers. Existing frameworks like the Theory of Planned Behaviour and Motivation Opportunity Ability Model identify these factors. Interventions like awareness campaigns, nudging, and training aim to address these issues, but many lack evidence-based effectiveness. This Special Issue encourages submissions about the promising drivers, food management behaviours and behaviour change interventions. Original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include, but are not limited to:

Drivers of household food waste, especially the role of goals and values in reducing food waste and novel drivers; Levers of food waste management behaviours (planning, shopping, storing, cooking and leftover reusing); Theoretical frameworks that are employed to identify levers and drivers; Behaviour change interventions such as prompts and tools for households, and awareness campaigns I look forward to receiving your submissions.

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