

Special Issue

Consumer Behavior, Food Waste and Sustainable Food Systems

Message from the Guest Editors

The irrational use of food, in addition to the formation of waste, consumes natural resources and affects global warming. Some disposal practices are more environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable than others. Therefore, showing consumers the most beneficial ways to comply with the food waste hierarchy is essential. Various sociodemographic, economic, and cultural factors, including gender, age, household size, the presence and number of children, income, and education, are drivers of food waste. An important group of determinants for household food waste are so-called internal factors, i.e. those related to consumer knowledge, attitudes, and behavior toward food. It is essential to develop and implement various educational programs and campaigns to raise awareness of the problem of food waste. This Special Issue will include a selection of recent research and current review articles about:

- Consumer behavior in terms of food waste
- Factors determining the formation of food waste in households
- Food waste minimization
- Disposal paths for food waste
- Sustainable food consumption
- Educational programs and campaigns to raise awareness of the problem of food waste

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