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Did you know waste reduction also contributes to water conservation? By following these tips, you can save space in the landfill and save water at the same time!

- Composting food scraps saves you the hassle of rinsing your plate and gives your food waste a purpose. Your plants will thank you!
- Recycle your bottles, cans, cardboard, and paper. Making products out of recycled materials takes less water than when using the raw materials. That's a better use than getting buried in the landfill. Not sure if something can be recycled? The "What Goes Where" tab on our website has the answer!
- Did you know it takes more water to produce a single plastic water bottle than the amount of water it holds? Instead of buying packs of single-use plastic water bottles, make the switch to a reusable one!
- Next time you need a new outfit, practice the art of reuse and buy secondhand. It takes hundreds of gallons of water to grow the cotton for a single new t-shirt. Even more staggering, over 10 million tons of textiles are landfilled in the U.S. every year. If you outgrow your clothes, donate them to a local thrift store or drop them off in the clothing recycling bin at the Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill so the reuse cycle can continue.
- When you have a painting project, try the Community Paint Swap at the landfill first! You can find a gallon of gently used paint to reuse rather than buying one brand new (which takes 13 gallons of water to make). If we don't have your color and you must buy new, when you're done consider donating the leftover for reuse or recycling. Check our website for drop-off locations around the county!

For more information on waste reduction, reuse, and recycling in Tehama County, please visit www.tehamacountylandfill.com or call the Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency at (530) 528-1103.