



# TASTE THE WASTE

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## SYNOPSIS

Why do we throw away so much? And how can we stop this kind of waste? Amazing but true: On the way from the farm to the dining-room table, more than half the food lands on the dump. Most of it before it ever reaches consumers. For instance every other head of lettuce or potato. When it comes right down to it, no one actually thinks this is okay: Food is not something to be thrown away "because others have nothing to eat", as younger people would say, and as for the elderly: "I was around during the war and we were glad to get our hands on every crust of bread!" That's one side of the story. They discover the other side when they venture a look into dumpsters: behind their local supermarket and, if they can summon up enough courage, in the trash cans outside their own door. We're not talking about chicken bones and potato peels here. The topic at hand is perfectly edible food, some still in the original packaging, and frequently enough not even the 'best before'...

## FESTIVALS

Germany: Atlantis Environment- and Nature- Film Festival, Best Film 2011

Czech Republic: 37. EKO FILM International Film Festival on the Environment and Natural

and Cultural Heritage: Documentary Film Award 2011

Slovak Republic: 38th International Festival of Sustainable Development Films -

ekotopfilm 2011: GRAND PRIX EKOTOPFILM 2011 - Prize of the Government of the

Slovak Republic

Armenia: SunChild Film Festival 2011, Special mention in the Environmental Film

Competition

Romania: International Festival of Ecology and Environment Protection Films 2011,

Grand Prix, Marele Premiul Eco-Fest Oradea

Germany, South Korea,  
Netherlands 2011  
88 min

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