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Downtown Overland Park hosts Earth Day celebration

JOHNSON COUNTY, KAN. (April 18, 2018) – Downtown Overland Park, in partnership with the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment, Compost Collective KC, and After the Harvest, will be hosting an Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 21 at the Overland Park Farmers' Market, 7950 Marty St., Overland Park, Kan. This year's celebration will highlight the growing issue of food waste. Each year Americans throw away an average of 80 billion pounds of food, which averages out to almost \$650 worth of food per household. This event will also highlight the ugly food movement, which aims to reduce food waste by changing the stigma that all produce needs to look perfect in order to be nutritious and worth eating.

Visitors will be able to get information on the impacts of food waste, and how they can take steps to reduce food waste in their homes. Activities will also include a drawing for a free compost bin, kids' activities, and more. The event will be held at the Overland Park Farmers' Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. More information can be found at <https://downtownop.org/earth-day-2017/>.

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About Johnson County, Kansas

Located in the southwestern quadrant of the Kansas City Metropolitan Region, Johnson County, Kansas is a community of choice with a current population of more than 560,000, making it the most populated of the 105 counties in Kansas, but traditionally having the lowest mill levy in the state. For more information visit the county's website at www.jocogov.org.