

SAVE MORE THAN FOOD

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

AT SCHOOL

REDUCING FOOD WASTE AT SCHOOL

Nearly **one million pounds** of food is sent to the Franklin County Sanitary Landfill every day. When food goes to waste – so does all of the time, money, and resources that went into producing and distributing it. That's why SWACO and the Central Ohio Food Waste Initiative brought together over 150 partners from across the region to create the Central Ohio Food Waste Action plan and established a goal to cut food waste in Central Ohio in half by 2030.



WASTED FOOD = WASTED RESOURCES



Schools provide an opportunity to divert food from landfills and teach better food waste habits to the next generation. Save More Than Food provides lesson plans, activities, toolkits, local partners and more that you can use to help students and staff understand the value of food as a resource and implement food waste diversion practices.



Lost Meals

On average, every Central Ohio resident sends 260 pounds of food to the landfill each year – that's equivalent to throwing away 145 potential meals.



Lost Money

On average, every Central Ohio resident wastes \$375 a year on food that they throw away.



Lost Resources

By wasting food, we also waste environmental resources that were used to grow our food – soil, energy, water, and more.

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FROM WASTE TO RESOURCES

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Food Waste Classroom Activities

Reducing food waste starts with helping students understand the value of the food that they eat. Visit SaveMoreThanFood.org for resources to engage students in the classroom, including lesson plans, conversation guides, take-home activities and more.



Support Share Tables

Share tables provide a space for students to offer up their excess food to their peers so that it does not have to go to waste. Learn how to implement a share table at your school to reduce your cafeteria food waste. Find localized guides and signage at SaveMoreThanFood.org.



Compost at School

Community gardens and vermicomposting can be both a fun science experiment and a great hands-on way to help your students learn how they can reduce food waste.

Find administrative guides, lesson plans and activities, posters, signage and more at SaveMoreThanFood.org.

GET INVOLVED

Central Ohio schools have resources available to help them reduce food waste. Get connected at SaveMoreThanFood.org.

Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO):

SWACO offers student tours of the Franklin County Sanitary Landfill to learn about waste diversion - including both food waste, and how to recycle right at home and at school.

Engage your School District:

While some Central Ohio school districts are already working to reduce food waste, you can help your district take the next step in the fight to reduce food waste. Download the Save More Than Food Toolkit for presentation slides, brochures, posters, videos, and more to spread the word on reducing food waste.

Food Waste Funding Opportunities:

Go to SaveMoreThanFood.org to learn about local, regional, and federal opportunities to earn funding for food waste and other waste diversion programs at school.



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