

**SAVE  MORE
THAN FOOD**
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**WASTED FOOD
=
WASTED RESOURCES**



**HELP REDUCE FOOD
WASTE IN CENTRAL OHIO**

SWACO
FROM WASTE TO RESOURCES



SAVE MORE THAN FOOD

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.



EACH YEAR IN CENTRAL OHIO, THE AMOUNT OF FOOD DISCARDED IS THE EQUIVALENT OF EACH RESIDENT WASTING:

 375 DOLLARS	 145 POTENTIAL MEALS	 30 GALLONS OF WATER	 17 GALLONS OF GAS	 498 SQUARE METERS OF LAND
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Together, SWACO and the Central Ohio Food Waste Initiative, a collaborative of more than 150 partners from across the region, created the Central Ohio Food Waste Action Plan and set a goal to cut food waste in Central Ohio in half by 2030. **But, we can't do it alone.**

From school cafeterias to restaurants and our own individual kitchen tables, we each have the opportunity and responsibility to help reduce food waste and make a difference in our community.

Find ways that you can get involved at SaveMoreThanFood.org.



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WASTED FOOD
=
WASTED SOIL

DID YOU KNOW?

Every day, nearly a pound of food is sent to the landfill by each of us - adding up to **160,000 acres of land** in Central Ohio that is used to grow food that is never even eaten.



SMALL CHANGES = BIG IMPACTS

There are little things you can do in your own home that could go a long way toward reducing food waste:



SHOP SMART:

Meal plan, shop with a list, and avoid impulse buys.



SAVE LEFTOVERS:

Save uneaten food and make eating leftovers a regular part of your weekly meal routine. You can also freeze food for quick meals whenever you need them.



TRY COMPOSTING:

Rather than discarding scraps, compost food in the backyard at home or sign-up for a service that will pick scraps up and compost them off-site.



SHARE:

Donate unopened packaged foods and share extra prepared food with friends, family and co-workers.

Learn more about how to reduce food waste at home, at school, at work, and in food businesses with easy to use guides and tools by visiting SaveMoreThanFood.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

The food that we eat requires water and other natural resources to grow. Every year, Franklin County waste **41 billion gallons of water** by throwing out food that could have been eaten or recycled.



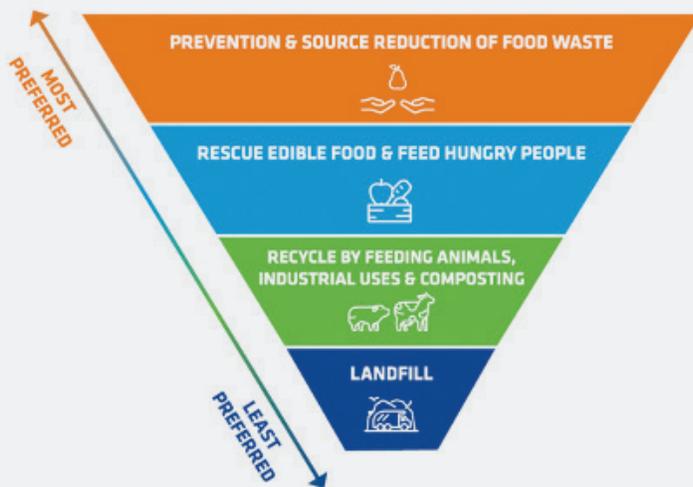
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THE CENTRAL OHIO FOOD WASTE INITIATIVE

The Central Ohio Food Waste Initiative, a collaborative of 150 partners from across the region, was created by SWACO in 2018 with the goal of cutting food waste in half by 2030. Led by SWACO, the Initiative published the Central Ohio Food Waste Action Plan in May 2019 which includes 20 solutions to divert food waste from the landfill and modeled after the EPA Food Waste Recovery Hierarchy:



COFWI approaches food waste holistically, pursuing solutions for prevention, rescue, and recycling of food. All three approaches to food waste reduction will be necessary in order to reach our goal of cutting food waste in half by 2030.

WASTED FOOD
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WASTED ENERGY



DID YOU KNOW?

Our food comes to our plates from local farms and farms all over the world. Either way, transporting food requires energy. In Central Ohio, that adds up to **22 million gallons of gas** used to transport food that goes to waste.

Learn more about the Initiative's recent work with food service partners who are championing food waste reduction in their business operations, our partnership with local schools to provide food waste education to Central Ohio's youngest residents, and how we're promoting the safe donation of food in our communities at [SaveMoreThanFood.org](https://www.savemorethanfood.org)