

# SAVE MORE THAN FOOD

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

AT WORK

## REDUCING FOOD WASTE AT WORK

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



Every workplace has its own culture. And you can help to make reducing food waste the norm in your workplace. Save More Than Food provides case studies, compost options, posters, signage, education opportunities and more to help your workplace work toward reducing food waste.



### 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.

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE



## Start a “Food Alert” System

Everyone loves free food. By setting up a communication system to alert co-workers when there is a meeting or catered event with leftovers, you can reduce food waste and build community by sharing.



## Try Zero Food Waste Catering and Events

Planning a company event or catered meeting? By taking a few small steps in the planning process, you can significantly reduce food waste production at work functions. Find out more about reducing food waste at catered events, setting up a food donation plan, and event composting at [SaveMoreThanFood.org](http://SaveMoreThanFood.org).



## Compost at Work

Depending on the size of your team and your organization, there are a variety of compost models that you can try out at work. For larger organizations, work with your building's waste management team and your building's food service company to build compost into your operations. For smaller workspaces, try out a partnership with local food waste haulers to compost food waste at work and even to become a drop-off site where employees can bring food scraps from home.

Find guides, case studies, signage and additional resources at [SaveMoreThanFood.org](http://SaveMoreThanFood.org).

## GET INVOLVED

Central Ohio businesses have resources available to help them reduce food waste. Here is a list of a few places to start.

### Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO):

SWACO offers 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 work.

### Engage your Co-Workers:

Using the Save More Than Food Toolkit, you can educate your co-workers on the importance of food waste reduction and provide reminders around your workspace. Download the Save More Than Food Toolkit for presentation slides, brochures, posters, videos, and more to spread the word on reducing food waste.



This program is brought to you by SWACO, in partnership with the Central Ohio Food Waste Initiative. Learn how you can make a difference at [SaveMoreThanFood.org](http://SaveMoreThanFood.org)

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