

How SWACO Can Help Your Agency

SWACO is a community resource to help residents, businesses, schools and non-profit organizations reduce the amount of waste sent to the landfill. SWACO has a goal to increase Franklin County's recycling rate to 75% by 2032. To help achieve this goal, SWACO offers programs ranging from education and outreach, grant funding for implementing a new recycling or composting program, event recycling equipment, and recycling resources and financial incentives for businesses. If you are looking to improve your organizations sustainability goals, please consider the FREE resources below offered to all non-profits in Franklin County.

Event Recycling Resources

- SWACO offers an [Event Waste Reduction Grant](#) program to assist local event organizers with reducing event-generated waste and divert as much material from the Franklin County Landfill. Events should be open to the public, take place within Franklin County and have a projected attendance of 2,000 people or more. We encourage potential applicants to have a conversation with SWACO's Grants Administrator prior to applying. Please email grants@swaco.org to discuss your project ideas.
- SWACO offers an [Event Container Loan Program](#) for all public events in Franklin County. It is a rental program to borrow Clearstream containers for landfill, recycling, and compostable materials. This is a deposit-based program meaning we require a deposit check to hold the containers for your event, but we do not cash the check. Once the containers have been returned to SWACO, the deposit check is returned. All event organizers are responsible for proper disposal of materials. SWACO can help connect you with haulers who handle recycling and organic disposal. Please email outreach@swaco.org with questions.

Community Waste Reduction Grant Program

- The [Community Waste Reduction Grant](#) program is a competitive grant program that is open to all non-profits and government entities such as parks, cities, and schools in Franklin County. Proposed projects and programs should address the unique waste reduction, diversion and recycling needs of central Ohio. We encourage potential applicants to have a conversation with SWACO's Grants Administrator prior to applying. Please email grants@swaco.org to discuss your project ideas.

Educational Webinars

- SWACO offers [free educational webinars](#) for the home and work setting to help implement best practices for reducing waste, reuse, recycling, composting and safely disposing of unwanted materials. By registering for the webinar, the recorded session will be emailed afterward.

Business Recycling Resources

- SWACO can help your business recycle successfully. From planning your program, to successfully working with your hauler and educating your employees, SWACO has resources to help. SWACO created the Recycling Tool Kit that identifies seven steps to design and implement a sustainable business recycling program. The [Business Recycling Champions program](#) offers financial incentives for implementing the Recycling Tool Kit.

Business Recycling Resources (cont.)

- Do you already have a recycling program in place or have hard to recycle materials that you're looking to divert from the landfill, SWACO can also provide [technical assistance](#) to help your organization reach your sustainability goals. Contact SWACO's Business Program Administrator at biz@swaco.org to learn more.

School Educational Resources

- SWACO provides [environmental educational programs](#) pertaining to waste diversion, recycling and composting. Our team does site visits with educational programs and hosts field trips at the Franklin County Landfill. Each presentation is curated to the audience and can be adjusted to fit various scheduling needs. Educational programs are scheduled year-round for children 5 years and above. Please contact tours@swaco.org to learn more about educational programs.

Food Waste Diversion Resources

- SWACO and the Central Ohio Food Waste Initiative created the "Save More Than Food" – an awareness campaign dedicated to sharing the impact that food waste has on the health of our community, economy and environment. The [SaveMoreThanFood](#) website provides compost options, posters, signage, educational opportunities, and case studies to help your workplace reduce food waste. Please email foodwaste@swaco.org with questions.