

FROM WASTE TO RESOURCES

SUSTAINABILITY FOR A HEALTHY BUSINESS

Three-fourths of the items thrown away in Central Ohio had the potential to be recycled or composted. We know you're taking many steps to re-open your business in a way that ensures the health of workers and customers and we applaud everything that you're doing.

A few additional yet simple considerations can also contribute to an improved environment and become a point of pride for your business.

Do You Have Excess Perishable Food? Consider Safe Donation.

- ▶ Provide excess food to furloughed employees or to local hunger relief agencies.
- ▶ Columbus Public Health and Franklin County Public Health both support safe donation. Learn more about [safe food donation](#).
- ▶ Local non-profits, Food Rescue US and Rescuing Leftover Cuisine, will provide free transportation of donated food to neighbors in need.
 - ▶ **Food Rescue US**
Columbus Site Manager:
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614-906-2553
 - ▶ **Rescuing Leftover Cuisine**
columbus.branch@rescuingleftovercuisine.org

Food waste questions? Please email us at FoodWaste@SWACO.org

Safely Dispose Personal Protective Equipment and Other Waste:

- ▶ PPE, such as gloves and masks, should be put in with commercial trash.
- ▶ Ensure all trash is bagged to protect employees and sanitation workers.

Recycle Right:

Hundreds of central Ohio businesses rely on recyclables for their operations. Help fellow businesses by re-starting or continuing to recycle correctly. We're in this together!

▶ Get Started

- ▶ Ask your current waste service provider or property management team about available recycling services or re-start your existing program.
- ▶ SWACO's Drop-Off Recycling Program offers 70 locations throughout Franklin County that businesses can use for free if you don't already have an on-sight recycling program. Use the search tool [here](#) to enter your zip code and find a recycling location.

▶ Know What's Accepted

- ▶ Clean cardboard and other paper materials like single-use paper menus (printed on basic office paper) continue to be needed by central Ohio recyclers to make new products like toilet paper and new cardboard for shipping.
- ▶ Other accepted items include plastic bottles and jugs, glass bottles and jars, carton containers and metal cans. Items need to be empty, clean and dry before recycling.

Additional recycling questions? Please email us at Biz@SWACO.org

Reduce Waste Through Sourcing & Packaging:

When reusable items, like water glasses and barware aren't an option, select single-use items that are made with renewable materials or contain recycled content such as paper for cups.

Provide customers with curbside pick-up, carryout and delivery meals that come in reusable or compostable containers.

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