



The amount of waste sent to the landfill and recycled affects the natural environment. It also describes people's habits. When less waste is sent to the landfill, such as in Franklin County between 2007 and 2008 (5.7% less), less garbage is left there to pollute the landscape. An increase in recycling rates shows that people are making the decision to protect the environment. However, recycling rates decreased in the region between 2007 and 2008 even though the amount of waste sent to the landfill was less. People are creating less trash, but they are not taking the extra step to recycle the waste they do make.

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Change in Recycling Rate	2006	Residential & Commercial	24%	28%	n/a	18%	27%
		Industrial	37%	78%	n/a	93%	68%
	2007	Residential & Commercial	30%	36%	22.0%	20%	30%
		Industrial	43%	75%	78.0%	91%	65%
	2008	Residential & Commercial	n/a	23%	n/a	19%	29%
		Industrial	n/a	67%	n/a	91%	23%
	Percent Change, 2007 - 2008	Residential & Commercial	n/a	-55%	n/a	-1%	-1%
		Industrial	n/a	-8%	n/a	0%	-42%

The Ohio EPA's State Solid Waste Management Plan calls for 25% of residential waste and 50% of industrial waste to be recycled. In 2008, only one of the three solid waste districts in central Ohio for which data was obtainable met the goal for residential waste. Two of the three solid waste districts met the goal for industrial waste recycling. None of the three met the goal for both in 2008.

In most areas of central Ohio, recyclables can be deposited in designated receptacles at specific drop-off locations. Private companies also pick up recyclables for a fee, and a growing number of local governments have instituted recycling pickup as a service along with trash pickup. However, recycling rates decreased throughout the region between 2007 and 2008.

Local communities and groups have also been leaders in encouraging recycling. Sustainable Grandview, for example, promotes recycling and responsible waste management. The City of Worthington is working on developing a recycling program for its downtown area.

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Tons of Waste Landfilled and Recycled	2006	Residential & Commercial	Landfilled	313,148	224,654	n/a	182,134	1,080,449	
			Recycled	100,797	86,661	n/a	40,339	405,761	
		Industrial	Landfilled	981,317	24,051	n/a	28,356	102,690	
			Recycled	581,614	85,073	n/a	395,366	215,724	
		2007	Residential & Commercial	Landfilled	289,530	230,204	258,817	157,864	1,081,897
				Recycled	121,967	130,715	71,056	39,317	462,589
	Industrial		Landfilled	745,023	38,500	62,308	22,104	117,989	
			Recycled	568,469	116,514	224,509	225,210	215,724	
	2008	Residential & Commercial	Landfilled	n/a	39,594	n/a	174,692	1,020,649	
			Recycled	n/a	11,623	71,635	40,893	424,376	
		Industrial	Landfilled	n/a	48,173	n/a	25,857	882,966	
			Recycled	n/a	98,911	224,204	266,996	262,425	
	Percent Change, 2007 - 2008	Residential & Commercial	Landfilled	n/a	-83%	n/a	11%	-6%	
			Recycled	n/a	-91%	1%	4%	-8%	
Industrial		Landfilled	n/a	25%	n/a	17%	648%		
		Recycled	n/a	-15%	0%	19%	22%		

Sources: [EPA Plan](#)

individual solid waste districts