



Dear Ohio Business:

The Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne Solid Waste Management District and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency invite you to participate in a statewide recycling survey. The Ohio Council of Retail Merchants, The Ohio Manufacturers' Association, and Ohio Chamber of Commerce support this survey initiative for the valuable data it yields about Ohio's recycling programs.

The purpose of this survey is to collect data on the amounts and types of materials commercial and industrial businesses recycled in Ohio in 2016. The Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne Solid Waste Management District is required to document its recycling efforts in an annual report to Ohio EPA. The District uses the data it receives through surveys to complete that report. By submitting data, your business can help the Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne Solid Waste Management District meet its reporting requirements. Your data will also help the District track its progress towards meeting local and state recycling goals.

Why is your business being surveyed?

Your business is in the Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne Solid Waste Management District. The District facilitates recycling and reduction efforts for commercial and industrial businesses, institutions, residents, and schools. To identify the programs that make the most sense and determine whether programs are achieving intended results, the Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne Solid Waste Management District needs to know what and how much material was recycled.

Your completed survey will help the Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne Solid Waste Management District better understand recycling in the business community in Stark, Tuscarawas, and Wayne counties. Submitting a completed survey also allows your business to connect directly with the District which may be able to assist your company with its recycling needs.

How do I participate in the survey?

The Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne Solid Waste Management District is using a web-based survey system, called Re-TRAC, to collect recycling data. Instructions for using the system and the link to the survey are posted on Ohio EPA's [webpage](#). Depending upon which county your business is in, and click on the arrow to the left of Stark, Tuscarawas, or Wayne County. The instructions and the link are provided.

What happens to my data?

The Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne Solid Waste Management District will combine your data with data it receives from other businesses and submit the combined data in its annual report to Ohio EPA. Ohio EPA will use the data to calculate recycling rates for the District. The District's 2015 data is posted on Ohio EPA's [webpage](#) along with the survey forms. To see that data, click on "View Previous Year's Survey Results." Ohio EPA will also combine the data reported by all solid waste management districts to calculate a recycling rate for Ohio.

Who do I contact for more information?

Please contact Brett Pendleton at the Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne Solid Waste Management District with any questions regarding the survey. Brett can be reached at (800) 678-9839 or brett@timetorecycle.org. For questions about Ohio EPA's survey webpage, please contact Ernie Stall. You can reach Ernie at ernest.stall@epa.ohio.gov or (614) 728-5356.

Please provide your data to the Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne Solid Waste Management District by 3/31/2017.

Thank you for your time and participation.

Sincerely,

Brett Pendleton