



Dear Ohio Business –

The Summit-Akron Solid Waste Management Authority, in collaboration with the Ohio Council of Retail Merchants, Ohio Manufacturers Association, Ohio Chamber of Commerce, and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), invites you to participate in this statewide commercial and industrial recycling survey. The purpose of this survey is to collect data on the amounts and the types of solid waste that commercial and industrial businesses recycled in 2014. This information is critical for the Summit-Akron Solid Waste Management Authority to track its progress in meeting Ohio's statewide recycling goals. The data you provide will be combined with other businesses' data in a required status report submitted annually to Ohio EPA. All data will be received, compiled and aggregated by the Summit-Akron Solid Waste Management Authority.

Why is your business being surveyed?

Your business is located in the Summit-Akron Solid Waste Management Authority. Ohio's comprehensive solid waste management law requires the Summit-Akron Solid Waste Management Authority to plan and implement programs to reduce and recycle waste for the residential, commercial and industrial sectors. An important part in planning and implementing programs is for the Summit Akron County Solid Waste Management District to determine the types and the amounts of solid waste being recycled by commercial and industrial businesses located within its jurisdiction. This survey will assist in determining those types and amounts of solid waste being recycled within the Summit-Akron Solid Waste Management Authority's jurisdiction.

How are the data being used?

The data helps provide a snapshot of recycling activities, trends and opportunities. It is used to track progress towards local and state recycling goals, determine how much waste is being diverted from Ohio's landfills, assess recycling infrastructure and determine the recycling needs of businesses such as yours. The Summit-Akron Solid Waste Management Authority will combine data from the residential, commercial and industrial sectors to determine the amount of material disposed versus the amount of material recycled in 2014. This will help calculate a recycling percentage for each sector in the Summit-Akron Solid Waste Management Authority and in Ohio.

Participation in survey

By participating, your business will help the Summit-Akron Solid Waste Management Authority meet the requirements of Ohio's state solid waste management plan. Participating also provides your business with the opportunity to connect directly with the Summit-Akron Solid Waste Management Authority and take advantage of the wide variety of services offered to commercial and industrial businesses. The Summit-Akron Solid Waste Management Authority may be able to assist your company by providing services such as conducting waste assessments, identifying financial resources through grants, and developing recycling and education plans for your employees.

Instructions for completing and returning the survey are included on the survey form. Please contact Yolanda Walker at the Summit-Akron Solid Waste Management Authority with any questions regarding the survey. Yolanda can be reached at ywalker@saswma.org or (330) 374-0383 Ext. 206.

Please complete and return the survey by April 15, 2015.

Thank you for your time and participation.

Sincerely,

Yolanda Walker