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LIONS AND LEOS ARE WORKING TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT
TO CREATE HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AND A MORE SUSTAINABLE WORLD.

Clean Water & Sanitation

Environmental Advocacy,
Awareness and Education

Environmental Cleanup
& Restoration

Tree Planting &
Tree Care



Recycling & Waste Management

Conserve resources and reduce waste released into the environment to minimize adverse impacts on sustainability.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. The 17 Goals are an urgent call for action by all countries—developed and developing—in a global partnership. Achievement of the SDGs also relies on the involvement of volunteer organizations, who connect governmental strategies and initiatives with complementary, yet essential, community action.

THIS SERVICE AREA SUPPORTS SDG #12

12 RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION



ENSURE SUSTAINABLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION
PATTERNS



Globally, approximately **37% of waste is disposed of** in some type of landfill, **33% is openly dumped**, **19% undergoes recycling and composting**, and **11% is treated through incineration.****



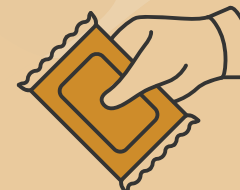
11.2 billion tons of solid waste are collected worldwide every year.*



3 billion people globally do not have access to waste disposal facilities.†



For every ton of paper recycled, **17 trees** can be saved.*



13% of the world's food is lost after harvesting and before reaching retail markets. **17% of total food is wasted** at the consumer level.‡



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Service Ideas

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Explore resources through the **UN Environment Program's World Environment Situation Room** with relevant information on **Pollution and Waste** and initiatives from around the world to tackle it.



Explore food waste composting options in your area in honor of **International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction** on September 29. Learn how to avoid food waste ending up in landfills, and **how composting can reduce our impact on the planet.**



Partner with local schools to establish organic school gardens and a composting program to improve the quality of school meals and reduce waste. Download LCI's **guide to developing local partnerships** to get started.



Reach out to your local government officials to discuss participating in the UN Habitat's **Waste Wise Cities** initiative to address waste management on a global scale.



Implement a community recycling drive where people donate gently used items to charity organizations. Repurpose old technology equipment and e-waste by collecting used cellphones and donating them to individuals in need.



Work with your club, district, or Multiple District to identify where to recycle toxic items and share a collection schedule. Partner with city officials to paint "no dumping" signs near road drainage areas.



Plan a club service activity in honor of **Global Recycling Day** on March 18. Consider a community-wide recycling drive that mobilizes people to connect on a global day of service to protect the environment. Use the posters, photos, videos, and other assets provided by UNEP to raise awareness of the day in your community. Share your impact on social media using the #GlobalRecyclingDay hashtags.



Plan a monthly trash pickup event in a high-traffic area of your community, and distribute recycling bins & trashcans.



Donate food through food sharing apps. This helps unused food to go to those in need, while avoiding food waste and unnecessary production. Get inspired by a **food app project feature by the UN Climate Change.**