Welcome 10:00 am
North Central Texas Stewardship Forum Representative

Overview 10:15 am – 10:45 am
Kim Mote, City of Fort Worth
Stephen Sturdivant, EPA Region 6
We will be discussing the problem of food waste and why it is important to consider. We’ll also consider what our current food system looks like, how that impacts future actions, and EPA’s approach to addressing food waste.

Source Reduction Session 10:45 am-11:45 am
Discussion Leader: Thomas Vinson, University of Texas at Arlington
Clay Sexauer, Health Ways/Blue Zones
Woody Raine, City of Austin
Source reduction is an integral part of addressing food waste but what does that really mean? It’s one of the hardest areas to address. A panel will discuss the challenges and benefits of source reduction and tools that have helped along the way. This session will include a facilitated discussion with the panelists and audience.

Lunch (On Site) 11:45 am – 12:30 pm
Sponsored by Community Waste Disposal, Living Earth, Mayer Materials

Food Donation Session 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm
Charles Boswell, Tarrant Area Food Bank
Mitchell Carpenter, City of Fort Worth
Todd Collier, Food Source DFW
Jim Dingman, City of Plano
Chris Finley, Pizza Hut/YUM
Crystal Wood, City of Dallas
It can be difficult to know all the requirements for donating food and how each city handles the issue. We’ll have a panel of DFW area city health inspectors to add some clarity and go through the Do’s and Don’ts of food donation. We’ll also hear from people who make food donation a priority and their experiences making it work.

Break 1:45 pm - 2:00 pm

Alternative Uses for Food Waste 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Jerry Pressley, City of Fort Worth
Helen Dulac, City of Dallas
We’ll explore alternative uses for food waste and the benefits that are being achieved.

Composting Session 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Debbie Branch, City of Fort Worth
John Darling, University of Texas at Arlington
Robert Smouse, City of Plano
One of the most well know uses for food waste. We’ll hear from a panel on the challenges and benefits composting food waste on a small, medium and large scale.

Event Wrap - Up 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm