

# **Avfall Sverige** in two minutes

2025

## **Avfall Sverige (Swedish Waste Management Association) has been the municipalities' trade association in the field of waste management and recycling since 1947**

Avfall Sverige's members ensure that waste is collected and recycled in all of Sweden's municipalities.

We are taking action to minimise waste, promote reuse and ensure that the waste produced is recycled, recovered and managed in the optimal manner.

The municipalities and their enterprises are the ambassadors, catalysts and guarantors of this change.

[www.avfallsverige.se](http://www.avfallsverige.se)

WE WORK ON  
BEHALF OF SOCIETY

in an  
environmentally safe,  
sustainable and  
long-term manner

OUR VISION

Zero Waste

In the space of  
two minutes, we  
summarise  
what we do,  
how we do it,  
and share some  
results.

## A board with breadth

Avfall Sverige's Board consists of eighteen directors, ten of whom are elected representatives and eight of whom are civil servants. The directors are active in municipalities, local government associations, or municipal enterprises. The aim is for the composition of the Board to reflect the association's membership in terms of its organisational structure, size and geographical distribution. The Board shall also be as gender-balanced as possible. The Board meets at least four times each financial year, with its meetings convened by the Chair.

## Small administrative office

Avfall Sverige's Administrative Office has a staff of 26 employees, including two part-time employees. The Administrative Office is located in Malmö. There is also a satellite office with four employees in Stockholm. The Board determines the focus of the Administrative Office, whose work is led by the Managing Director.

## We represent all municipalities

Avfall Sverige represents all of Sweden's municipalities, local government associations, municipal enterprises and municipally-owned regional enterprises in waste and recycling. Our members represent the entire population of Sweden. The organisation also includes associate members, who are manufacturers, consultants and contractors active in waste management.

Avfall Sverige has 213 municipal members  
and 151 associate members.

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## Working groups establish support

Working groups are an important link between the membership and the Administrative Office, as well as member-to-member.

The results of working group activities include courses and theme days, development projects and the transfer of knowledge. The working groups are also an important internal base for establishing support for Avfall Sverige's positions on various legislative and lobbying issues. We have eight working groups with different focus areas. The working groups each contain a number of operational groups and networks.

## We provide guidance and advice

The members of Avfall Sverige have access to – and become part of – the country's foremost collective expertise in the field of waste management. Members can make use of Avfall Sverige's specialist expertise via reports, templates and guides, or by contacting the Administrative Office directly. This also applies to legal questions and questions about communication.

## We provide training

Avfall Sverige organises a large number of digital and in-person courses, theme days and conferences every year to enhance skills and give members the opportunity to exchange experiences. The training programme enjoys broad support among the working groups, with activities based on the needs of members.

30 events with a total of 2,489 participants  
were organised in 2024.

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## We develop

The Development Committee contributes to the development of the waste industry and consists of the chairs of the working groups, an additional representative from the municipalities and the Managing Director of Avfall Sverige. The Committee decides which projects should be given the go-ahead and how the funds to implement them should be allocated. The working groups for energy recovery, biological treatment and waste treatment plants also have their own development initiatives, which they finance and have decision-making authority over. The results of the various development initiatives are communicated in reports and in courses.

29 reports were published in 2024.

## We have an influence

Avfall Sverige's mission includes regular and extensive interaction with the Swedish Parliament (Riksdag), the Government Offices of Sweden, government agencies, organisations and opinion makers.

We actively contribute our views to policy decisions through its official consultative responses and correspondence.

We are also engaged in lobbying within the EU. This is done through both the Government Offices of Sweden and through European organisations such as MWE, CEWEP and ECN, and the international organisation ISWA.

22 consultative responses, 5 correspondence submissions, and 7 opinion pieces and replies were written in 2024.



## We communicate

The overall objectives of Avfall Sverige's joint communication are to increase awareness of how we minimise waste and then manage the waste that is generated despite these efforts, as well as the role of the municipalities. Much of this communication is carried out together with members, for example in the form of campaigns.

Avfall Sverige publishes the industry journal Avfall och Miljö [Waste and Environment] and a newsletter. On its website, Avfall Sverige presents news and makes materials available for download.

Those interested can also register for Avfall Sverige's courses, conferences and theme days on the website.

Avfall Sverige is behind the Nordic waste sorting symbol system and the waste portal [sopor.nu](https://sopor.nu).





## **We compile waste statistics**

Avfall Sverige's statistical tool, Avfall Web, enables municipalities to compare, benchmark, and follow up. The reporting also serves as the basis for the national municipal waste statistics that Avfall Sverige publishes in the report "Swedish Waste Management" and in an annual statistical report at the county and municipal levels.

Avfall Sverige also delivers statistics to government agencies, including the Swedish Energy Agency, the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency and Statistics Sweden.

## **We get involved internationally**

Avfall Sverige and SALAR International have been commissioned by the Government to strengthen municipal waste management in Ukraine, with the aim of helping to change and improve it, and bring it in line with EU standards.

Sida is providing SEK 160 million in funding for the activities over three years.

The assignment provides an opportunity for Avfall Sverige's members to participate actively.

We also participate actively in the international waste organisation ISWA.

## **Funding**

The organisation is funded through revenues consisting of roughly equal parts membership dues and fees and income from commercial activities such as courses, conferences, consulting assignments, publications, etc.

All members pay membership dues and a service fee. In addition, municipal members pay a development fee.

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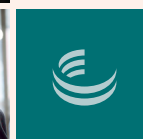
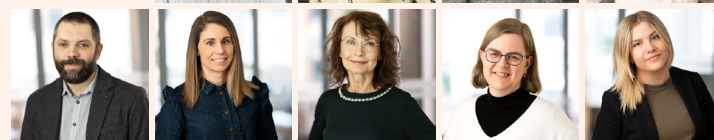
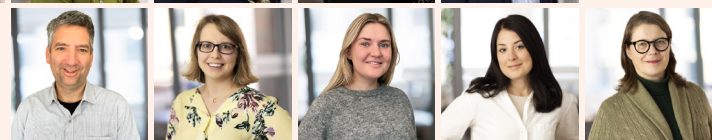
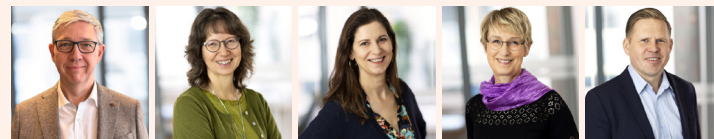
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