



## RecyclingWorks Newsletter, February 2016

### RecyclingWorks Compost Site Workshop in Worcester

RecyclingWorks is hosting a no-cost [workshop for compost site operators](#) in Massachusetts. The half-day workshop will focus on operator competency in compost management and regulatory compliance, with focus on composting food materials.

This workshop is geared towards:

- Food materials composting operations registered with [MDAR](#) or [MassDEP](#)
- Municipal operators
- Small scale site operators
- Other interested parties considering starting a compost site

The workshop will be led by James McSweeney of Compost Technical Services. All interested parties are encouraged to register but priority will be given to current and future compost site operators.

To register, please contact RecyclingWorks at 888-254-5525 or email [info@recyclingworksma.com](mailto:info@recyclingworksma.com).



### Upcoming Events

#### February 17

Round 1

Application Deadline:  
[Recycling Business Development Grant Program](#)

#### February 17

NERC Webinar:  
[Reuse: A Triple-Bottom Line Solution](#)

#### February 25

EPA Webinar:  
[Innovative Collaborations in the Hospitality Sector to](#)

## RecyclingWorks Website Feature: Food Donation Tax Incentive Fact Sheet Updated

The Harvard Food Law and Policy Clinic has updated the [tax incentive fact sheet](#) for Massachusetts businesses that donate food. The updates incorporate [recent changes to federal tax code](#) that increase the incentive for businesses to donate edible food to social service organizations. The updated fact sheet is available on the [Food Donation Guidance for Massachusetts Businesses](#) page on the RecyclingWorks website.

## RecyclingWorks Spotlight: Intercontinental Hotel, Boston

The Intercontinental Hotel in Boston has a range of [green initiatives](#) that include everything from an extensive recycling program to a rooftop apiary. Recently, the hotel changed over 550 reading lamps in their guestrooms and contacted the [RecyclingWorks hotline](#) for advice on what to do with the old fixtures. RecyclingWorks connected the Intercontinental Hotel with [EcoBuilding Bargains](#) in Springfield, which sells used building materials and fixtures ([now available for purchase](#)).

## Featured Articles

- The [MassDEP](#) recently posted an updated Organics Action Plan. This update includes accomplishments to date and new initiatives.
- [BioCycle magazine](#) recently featured the organics diversion program at Deerfield Academy. RecyclingWorks also created a [case study video](#) about this program.
- [MassLive](#) reported on the results of the 2015 GameDay Recycling Challenge. Many Massachusetts colleges participated this year, including UMass Amherst, which won first and second place awards.

## [Increase Food Recovery](#)

**March 15**  
[RecyclingWorks Compost Workshop](#)  
Worcester

**March 15**  
Webinar:  
[Ceiling Tile Recycling](#)

**March 29**  
[MassRecycle R3 Conference](#)  
Quincy

**March 31**  
[WasteWise & RFC Reporting Due Date](#)

**April 15-16**  
[Sustainable Campuses and Communities Conference](#)  
Hampshire College & Northampton

**May 16-17**  
[Northeast Resource Recovery Association Conference](#)  
Nashua, NH

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