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## RecyclingWorks Newsletter, January 2017

### RecyclingWorks Spotlight: MassDCHD Window Reuse

In spring of 2016, the [Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development](#) (Mass DHCD) asked RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts (RecyclingWorks) for help diverting vinyl windows from disposal. The Mass DHCD, which replaces hundreds of these windows each year, used a project to replace 147 windows at several properties in Bourne as a pilot.

All of the windows from the Bourne properties, which were double-pane windows in good working condition, were excellent candidates for reuse. RecyclingWorks put the Mass DHCD and contractor, Vareika Construction, in touch with EcoBuilding Bargains to donate the windows for reuse.

EcoBuilding Bargains provided a container to collect the windows and arranged for the container's delivery to their store in Springfield.



### Upcoming Events

**January 26**  
[EBCNE Annual C&D Summit](#)  
Framingham

**February 2**  
[MassDEP SWAC Meeting](#)  
Boston

**March 27**  
[MassRecycle R3 Conference](#)  
Framingham

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### **MassDEP Economic Impact Study**

The MassDEP released a [new report](#) analyzing the economic impacts of the Commercial Food Waste Ban which went into effect in October 2014. The study, conducted by ICF International, analyzed the economic impact on organics haulers and processors, as well as food rescue organizations. The report found that in 2016, these entities supported more than 900 jobs and produced about \$175 million in economic activity.

This represents a 150% increase in jobs in these sectors since 2010.

Currently, organics haulers collect an estimated 270,000 tons annually, up from about 100,000 tons in 2010.

### **MassCEC Grant Opportunities**

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) is accepting grant applications through the Commonwealth Organics-to-Energy Program. Two grant opportunities are available for projects that convert source-separated organic waste into energy:

- [Feasibility Study Grants](#) for up to \$50,000
- [Pilot and Implementation Grants](#) for up to \$500,000

Applications for both grants are accepted on a rolling basis.

### **Featured Articles**

- A post on the [Sustainable America blog](#) highlights the salvaged meal prepared by Juliet in Somerville for the ReuseConex Conference in October.
- The [Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources](#) (MDAR) recently awarded \$920,000 in grants to increase access to local foods. This included grants to Commonwealth Kitchen and Franklin County Community Development Corporation for equipment to help process and preserve surplus produce.
- A [MassLive article](#) describes a campaign in Western Mass this fall to raise awareness about liability protection for food donation.

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