

MassDEP Updates



RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts

Spring 2025 Forum

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Solid Waste Master Plan

- Establishes MassDEP's overarching solid waste policy framework
- 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan
 - Finalized in 2021
 - Intended to run through 2030
 - Big picture framework
 - Supported by multiple Action Plans
 - Action Plans updated as needed

2025 Program Review

- MassDEP committed to “prepare a mid-course program & policy assessment by 2025”
- Work through Solid Waste Advisory Committee
- Report on progress implementing programs and policies
- Update action plans, including C&D, Organics, Recycling Market Development, Reduce & Reuse
- Propose adjustments needed to Action Plans
- Consider optimal use of MassDEP staffing and funding
- Complete by end of calendar year 2025

Food Waste Disposal Ban

- Conduct stakeholder process to assess whether to ban all food waste from disposal by 2030
- Will discuss in Organics Subcommittee
- Discussions began in March
- Expect to have multiple meetings to discuss
- Next Meeting – May 29, 2025
- <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-organics-subcommittee>

Factors to Consider for Potential Expanded Waste Ban

- Effectiveness of voluntary programs
- Cost-effectiveness of collection from smaller sources
- Ability of infrastructure to manage additional materials
- Potential increased contamination from small businesses and residents
- MassDEP ability to inspect and enforce effectively

Waste Reduction Innovation Grant

Please refer to the webpage for additional details and how to apply.

<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/waste-reduction-innovation-grant>

Key Information	Category 1: Start-up/Pilot Projects	Category 2: Innovative Capital Investments
Award Amount	\$50,000 to \$100,000	\$500,000 to \$2 million
Required minimum match by applicant	25% of the requested amount	50% of the requested amount
Eligible materials	Any material diverted from solid waste disposal	Materials diverted from solid waste disposal, limited to: (a) Textiles, (b) Container glass, (c) C&D materials including but not limited to wood, gypsum wallboard, and asphalt shingles (but not mixed C&D processing) , (d) Bulky items like furniture, carpet, and residential plastics, (e) Lithium batteries from household
Eligible grant funded costs	(a) Equipment or other capital costs, (b) Staff or consultant time directly relevant to the proposed project, (c) Use of internally generated materials already onsite (d) Feasibility study or design work (e) Marketing cost	Equipment or other capital costs
Project duration	18 months maximum from contract signing	36 months maximum from contract signing

Recycling & Reuse Business Development Grant

Next Round Summer 2025



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Recycling Loan Fund

- Loans from \$50K to \$500K
- Reuse, recycling, processing, collection, manufacturing
- Preferred terms for food waste reduction projects
- <https://www.bdcnewengland.com/programs/massachusetts-recycling-loan-fund/>



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