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## RecyclingWorks Newsletter, January 2016

### New Grant Program from MassDEP

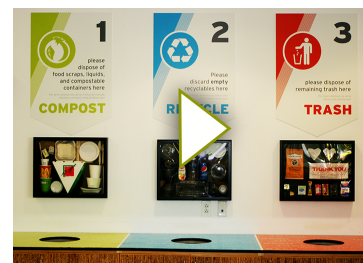
The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection recently announced a new grant program, the [Recycling Business Development Grant \(RBDG\)](#), intended to help Massachusetts recycling processors and manufacturers create sustainable markets for eligible materials, and to add value to municipal and business recycling efforts. Selected applicants can receive grant awards up to \$400,000. The application deadlines are:

- Round 1 – February 17, 2016, at 5:00 PM
- Round 2 – June 15, 2016, at 5:00 PM

The eligible materials for these two rounds of RBDG funding are glass, mattresses, packaged food materials, post-consumer rigid, and film plastic.

[Click here](#) for additional information on eligible activities and materials, application guidelines, and the program grant application.

### Congress Extends Tax Deductions for Food Donations



### Upcoming Events

**February 4**  
[Solid Waste](#)  
[Advisory Committee](#)  
[\(SWAC\) Meeting](#)  
 Boston, MA

**February 17**  
 Round 1  
 Application Deadline:  
[Recycling Business](#)  
[Development Grant Program](#)

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

**April 15-16**  
[Sustainable Campuses and](#)

Communities Conference

Hampshire College &  
Northampton, MA

**May 16-17**

Northeast Resource  
Recovery Association  
Conference

Nashua, NH

In December, Congress passed legislation that [extends and modifies tax deductions for businesses that donate food](#).

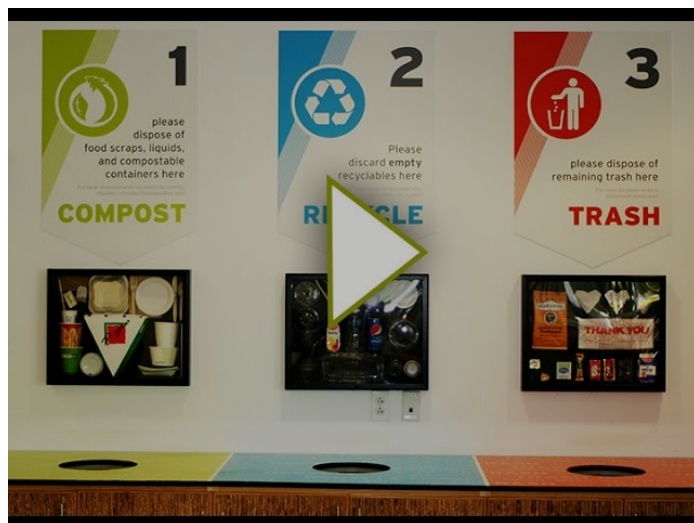
The new tax code permanently extends enhanced tax deductions to all business entities. Previously, only C-Corporations qualified for this deduction. The deduction's cap was increased from 10% to 15% of the donor's net income. Additionally, adjustments to the formula and method for determining Fair Market Value will make it easier for some businesses to take advantage of the deductions.

For more information on donating food, visit RecyclingWorks' [Food Donation Guidance for Massachusetts Businesses](#).

### **RecyclingWorks Spotlight: MassArt, Boston**

Massachusetts College of Art & Design and Chartwells, the foodservice provider for their cafeteria, have worked collaboratively to implement a comprehensive waste diversion program that captures compostable and recyclable materials both in their kitchen prep area and in their cafeteria. RecyclingWorks assisted with implementation of the front-of-the house collection of compostables that MassArt rolled out in November of 2014. Watch the [RecyclingWorks MassArt Video Case Study](#) to learn about how this well-designed program helps divert almost 80 tons of compostables annually.

If your business would like assistance implementing front-of-the-house food waste collection, contact the RecyclingWorks hotline at (888) 254-5525 or email [info@recyclingworksma.com](mailto:info@recyclingworksma.com).



## RecyclingWorks Website Feature: College & University Fall Forum

Forty-three people attended the College & University Fall Forum on Food Donation and Mattress Recycling at Worcester Polytechnic Institute on November 19. Powerpoint presentations and videos from the event are now [available on RecyclingWorks](#).

## Featured Articles

- A recent [MetroWest Daily News](#) article describes a range of food waste reduction efforts led by businesses and institutions in their coverage area.
- Boston College's [The Gavel](#) reported recently on their student-led food donation program, Every Bite Counts.

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