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RecyclingWorks Newsletter, July 2016

Getting Started with Food Donation Workshop Recap

On June 28, RecyclingWorks and the MassDEP [hosted a workshop](#) to help connect Boston-area foodservice businesses to food rescue and technical assistance services, including:

- [Lovin' Spoonfuls](#)
- [Food For Free](#)
- [Spoiler Alert](#)
- [Food Donation Connection](#)
- EPA [WasteWise](#) and [Food Recovery Challenge](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Public Health](#)
- [RecyclingWorks in MA](#)

This workshop was part of [the Reduce and Recover: Save Food for People](#) conference hosted by the Harvard Food Law and Policy Clinic. More than 50 people attended. For assistance starting a food donation program, contact the RecyclingWorks hotline at (888) 254-5525 or email info@recyclingworksma.com.

RecyclingWorks Website: Updated Resources

We recently updated two of the resources featured on the RecyclingWorks website:



Upcoming Events

Aug 11
CURC Webinar:
[Finding Solutions for Hard-to-Recycle Items](#)

Oct 17-19
[ReuseConex 2016](#)
Somerville

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- Considering processing wasted food on-site? The RecyclingWorks guide [On-Site Systems for Managing Food Waste](#) provides an overview of technologies currently available.
- Would you like to divert packaged food from disposal? Check out the list of [Sites Interested in Accepting Packaged Food for Depackaging](#). Once removed from its packaging, wasted food can be fed into an anaerobic digester to generate energy.

RecyclingWorks Spotlight: Boston Public Market

Before Boston Public Market opened in July 2015, they called the RecyclingWorks hotline for advice on setting up their food waste diversion program. As a result, the Boston Public Market's 40 vendors have collaborated with local food rescue organizations to regularly donate surplus food. Their system has been very successful, and in the first eight months of operation the market donated enough food for over 17,000 meals. In addition, the market has composted more than 14 tons of food scraps! Learn more in the RecyclingWorks [written](#) and [video](#) case studies.

Featured Articles

- A recent PBS *NewsHour* story discusses the problem of discarded textiles and the [growing demand for textile recycling](#).
- ConServe, a National Restaurant Association program, published a [Food Donation Tip Sheet](#) with information on food safety procedures, packing food properly, and tracking donated food.
- CBS interviewed Emily Broad Leib, Director of Harvard Food Law and Policy Clinic, about confusing and inconsistent [food date labeling](#) that results in wasted food.



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