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RecyclingWorks in Huffington Post

A recent [Huffington Post article](#) recognizes Massachusetts' innovative initiatives to reduce wasted food. In 2014, the state established the [Commercial Organics Waste Ban](#), which prohibits businesses that generate one ton or more of wasted food per week from disposing of that waste in the trash. [RecyclingWorks](#) is a program funded by the MassDEP that helps businesses comply with this and other waste bans.

The article highlights RecyclingWorks' assistance in Lenox that helped eight small restaurants start diverting food scraps for composting, even though they were below the ban threshold.



Upcoming Events

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

Aug 12
Closed Loop Foundation
[Proposal Deadline](#)

Sept 22
[Construction & Demolition Waste Stakeholder Meeting](#)
Worcester

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

RecyclingWorks Spotlight: Christian Center and Kate's Kitchen

Recently, the RecyclingWorks newsletter and [blog](#) has included

many stories about connecting businesses with surplus food to food pantries, food banks, and other food rescue organizations. Like other food services entities, food rescue organizations generate food scraps that cannot be eaten. Recently, RecyclingWorks [helped two food pantries](#) divert food that could not be eaten from disposal.

[Kate's Kitchen](#) in Holyoke arranged more regular pickups with a farmer who uses food scraps for animal feed. [The Christian Center](#) in Pittsfield set up a system to compost food waste on-site and use the finished compost in their garden.

Contact RecyclingWorks for assistance either donating surplus food to a food rescue organization or diverting food scraps for animal feed, composting, or anaerobic digestion: (888) 254-5525 or info@recyclingworksma.com.

RecyclingWorks Website: Compost Site Technical Assistance

RecyclingWorks can provide no-cost technical assistance to composting facilities in Massachusetts that accept or plan to accept food materials. The new [Compost Site Technical Assistance](#) page on the RecyclingWorks website provides an overview of this service.

If you operate a compost facility and would like to request assistance, contact RecyclingWorks at (888) 254-5525 or info@recyclingworksma.com.

Featured Articles

- [WickedLocal](#) discusses programs at Massachusetts grocery store chains, such as Stop & Shop and Big Y, which help divert wasted food from disposal.
- ReFED recently released a video overview of the [Roadmap to Reduce US Food Waste by 20%](#).
- An article in [Recycling Today](#) describes Leigh Fibers' new program to recycle textiles from uniforms into new materials.



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