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## RecyclingWorks Newsletter, October 2015

### New RecyclingWorks Website Feature: Food Donation Guidance for Businesses in Massachusetts

For businesses interested in donating surplus food, RecyclingWorks now offers [guidance on the laws and logistics of food donation](#). These recommendations are the result of an engagement process with state and local health officials, food rescue organizations, and businesses with established food donation programs.

This document can help your business:

- [Identify what foods can be safely donated](#)
- [Find food rescue organizations with which to partner](#)
- [Ensure correct date labeling](#)
- [Store, manage, and transport food safely](#)



### Upcoming Events

**October 14**

[MassRecycle's 25th Anniversary Celebration](#)  
Cambridge, MA

**October 19-22**

[BioCycle REFOR15 Conference](#)  
Boston, MA

**October 23**

[Food Day - MA Food System Plan Unveiling](#)  
Boston, MA

Fact sheets from the Harvard Food Law & Policy Clinic provide legal information on [liability protections, date labeling, and tax incentives](#).

### **RecyclingWorks FY15 Annual Report**

During the last fiscal year, RecyclingWorks provided direct assistance to over 1,000 businesses to help divert nearly 7,500 tons of material from disposal. Learn more in the [RecyclingWorks Annual Report for FY15](#).

### **Featured Event: BioCycle Refor15 Boston, October 19-22**

[BioCycle's annual conference](#) on organics recycling, renewable energy, and composting is coming up soon! The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) is one of the sponsors of this four-day event.

[Register here](#).

### **RecyclingWorks Spotlight: Daily Table Dorchester, MA**

[The Daily Table](#) is a non-profit grocery store that aims to reduce food waste by selling aging and surplus food at a steep discount. Because the store prepares ready-to-eat meals using slightly blemished ingredients, the store anticipated a higher volume of food scraps than a typical food establishment. RecyclingWorks helped the Daily Table to find a hauler for their food scraps and train staff to separate the food waste. It is anticipated that the Daily Table

### **November 4**

[SWANA Southern New England Recycling & Solid Waste Conference](#)  
Foxborough, MA

### **November 9-10**

[NERC Fall Forum - Glass Recycling: Possible Solutions](#)  
Providence, RI

### **November 19**

[WasteWise Forum on Food Donation & Depackaging](#)  
Chelmsford, MA

### **The College & University Recycling Coalition (CURC) Webinar Series:**

**Oct 8, 12:30pm ET**  
[Planning for Success:  
Strategic Planning to Build a  
Comprehensive Recycling  
Program](#).

**Dec 10, 12:30pm ET**  
[Quantifying Your Waste  
Reduction Efforts](#)

will send 1.5 tons of food scraps to be composted each week.

### Featured Articles

- The USDA and EPA recently set a goal to [cut food waste in the US in half](#) by 2030. The NPR article on this topic mentions how Massachusetts' food waste ban is helping to lead the way in reducing the amount of food sent to landfills.
- The Association of Postconsumer Plastic Recyclers recently created [a training video](#) to help supermarkets take advantage of the potential revenue from baled rigid plastic containers.
- A [recent article in BioCycle](#) helps businesses that generate food waste to determine the best method for managing the waste.

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