

RecyclingWorks April Newsletter

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### RecyclingWorks Website Update: New Best Management Practices Published

Over the course of 2016, RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts engaged stakeholders to develop two sets of best management practices. The final documents are now available on the RecyclingWorks website:

- [Guidance for Businesses Contracting for Trash, Recycling, and Food Waste Services](#) provides information for businesses and institutions to effectively set up, manage, and adjust contracts for hauling trash, recyclables, and/or organics.
- [Construction and Demolition \(C&D\) Materials Guidance](#) provides information for contractors, architects, and property owners interested in increasing the rate of reuse and recycling for C&D materials.



### Upcoming Events

**April 4**

[Green Your Bottom Line Workshop](#)  
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**April 4-7**

[BioCycle East Coast '17 Conference](#)  
Baltimore, MD

**April 13**

CURC Webinar Series:  
[Building Support for Waste Reduction Programs](#)

Both sets of best management practices are considered living documents. To provide feedback on these guidelines, please contact [RecyclingWorks](#).

### Featured Events: RecyclingWorks Spring Forums

RecyclingWorks is hosting two forums this spring:

- [College & University Spring Forum](#) on **May 4** at **Smith College** in Northampton. We will discuss food waste prevention tools and strategies used by colleges and universities in Massachusetts. Reducing wasted food can help an institution meet sustainability goals while also saving money on dining service operations.
- [WasteWise Spring Forum](#) on **May 9** at **Gillette Stadium** in Foxborough. This interactive forum will explore ways to start or expand food waste diversion across the EPA Food Recovery Hierarchy. Learn how to decide whether a source reduction, food donation, animal feed, composting, and/or anaerobic digestion program might be a good match for your business.

To register for either event, email [info@recyclingworksma.com](mailto:info@recyclingworksma.com) or call 888-254-5525. Please indicate which event you are attending and include your name, title, school/business, email, and phone.

**May 3**

[Green Your Bottom Line Workshop](#)  
Gloucester

**May 4**

[College & University Spring Forum](#)  
Smith College, Northampton

**May 9**

[WasteWise Spring Forum](#)  
Gillette Stadium, Foxborough

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## RecyclingWorks Spotlight: Cambridge Department of Public Works

In March, the [Cambridge Department of Public Works](#) (DPW) called the RecyclingWorks hotline to find an outlet for the surplus food from meals prepared for their overnight snow crew. RecyclingWorks provided the Cambridge DPW with several potential food rescue outlets to help donate these surplus meals.

The Cambridge DPW connected with the St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Cambridge. The church rescued a total of 50 surplus meals from the DPW. The church provides a weekly dinner for those in need and the donation was appreciated.

RecyclingWorks' [Food Donation Guidance](#) provides information to assist businesses and institutions interested in establishing food donation programs. Call the RecyclingWorks hotline at (888) 254-5525 if your business would like assistance connecting with a food rescue organization or otherwise diverting a material from disposal.

## Featured Articles

- A graduate student at Harvard University Extension School's graduate school reports on [organic waste management in the hotel sector](#). The report discusses the impacts of the Commercial Organics Waste Ban on affected hotels, the economic benefits of reducing food waste, and the potential

that food waste diversion holds for the rest of the hotel sector.

- [To Market Magazine](#) recently highlighted a variety of pioneering food waste initiatives at New England colleges and universities, including Babson College and Harvard University.
- [Boston College Dining Services](#) collaborated with a student group on campus to prepare a dinner entirely made from pre-consumer food scraps. This event encouraged students to think about wasted food and the creative ways to reduce it.
- Keep America Beautiful and the United States Composting Council (USCC) announced [color standards for organics collection containers](#). Consistent signage and coloring helps to minimize confusion and reduce contamination.

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