

RecyclingWorks June Newsletter

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Featured Event: WasteWise Spring Forum Recap

On May 9, Gillette Stadium hosted RecyclingWorks in MA, MassDEP, and US EPA for the [WasteWise Spring Forum](#) on food recovery across the [EPA Food Recovery Hierarchy](#).

Thank you to the panelists who presented on the food recovery programs at their organizations:

- Bronson Green, Gillette Stadium
- Karen Franczyk, Whole Foods
- Jamieson Jacquart, UMass Dartmouth
- Christopher Wheeler, Patriot Place

Forum attendees learned about many options for diverting food scraps and surplus from disposal, as well as how to evaluate the potential impact of food waste diversion on operating costs. The forum also included a presentation on Gillette Stadium's waste diversion initiatives. It concluded with a tour of the stadium and the Grind2Energy system that



Upcoming Events

June 8

R3 Webinar:

[Effective Messaging](#)

June 8

CURC Webinar:

[Recycling Collections](#)

June 13

EPA Webinar:

[How to Reduce Waste and Track Progress: Ahold Delhaize's Approach](#)

converts the stadium's food scraps into pulp for anaerobic digestion.



[Presentations](#) from the forum are available on the RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts website. For assistance starting a food recovery program, contact the RecyclingWorks hotline at (888) 254-5525 or email info@recyclingworksma.com.

June 22
[MassDEP C&D Subcommittee Meeting](#)
Boston

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[MassDEP SWAC Meeting](#)
Boston

June 30
[Recycling Business Development Grant](#)
Application Deadline

July 13
CURC Webinar:
[Engaging Students & Staff to Improve Recycling](#)

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RecyclingWorks Spotlight: Infinite Herbs & Specialties

RecyclingWorks assisted [Infinite Herbs and Specialties](#), a distributor of culinary herbs, in starting a new diversion program to send their herb scraps for composting. RecyclingWorks provided staff training and customized bilingual posters to help new processing workers and custodial staff learn how to collect these materials separately from the trash.

As a result of their program, Infinite Herbs now sends more than two tons of food scraps to a compost facility each week!

MassDEP Map Updates

The MassDEP posted a new map of [Materials Recovery Facilities in Massachusetts](#). The facilities shown on the map accept mixed recyclables and mechanically sort them into marketable commodities. To add a facility that meets the definition of a materials recovery facility, please contact Josh Cook, joshua.cook@state.ma.us.

The MassDEP recently updated a map of [Sites Accepting Diverted Food Material](#) across the state. In addition to anaerobic digesters, animal feed sites, and compost operations, the map now also includes organic processors, which separate food scraps from packaging or other contaminants.

Featured Articles

- The *Daily Hampshire Gazette* highlighted UMass Amherst's [New2U waste reduction program](#), which collects unwanted dormitory items in the spring for the campus's fall tag sale.
- Businesses from around the country are [diverting 8.5 million tons of furniture](#) from disposal annually by finding reuse outlets for old furniture, as described in a recent *Waste360* article.
- A recent Coalesce blog post explores the [challenges posed by compostable plastics](#) for food waste diversion programs.

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