

RecyclingWorks May Newsletter

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Featured Event: WasteWise Spring Forum

The [WasteWise Spring Forum](#) will be held 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.

Registration is filling up fast! RSVP today if you would like to attend!

To register, email info@recyclingworksma.com or call **888-254-5525**. Please let us know that you are registering for the WasteWise Spring Forum and provide your name, title, business name, email, and phone.



Upcoming Events

May 3

[Green Your Bottom Line Workshop](#)

Gloucester

May 4

[C&U Spring Forum](#)

Smith College, Northampton

May 9

[WasteWise Spring Forum](#)

Gillette Stadium,
Foxborough

June 8

CURC Webinar:

RecyclingWorks Website: Food Donation Guidance Updated

RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts has updated its [Food Donation Guidance](#) page. This guidance now links to information in the latest version of the [Comprehensive Resource for Food Recovery Programs](#).

RecyclingWorks Spotlight: The Columns Case Study Video

RecyclingWorks recently produced a [video case study](#) for The Columns project, a renovation in Western Massachusetts that is diverting over 90% of its waste from disposal. The contractor for this project source separated several materials (gypsum, masonry, and cardboard) while sending other materials to a C&D sorting facility.



In order to increase recycling and reuse of building materials in Massachusetts, RecyclingWorks recently engaged stakeholders in developing [Construction & Demolition Materials Guidance](#). This page provides guidance for contractors, architects, and property owners interested in increasing the rate of reuse and recycling for C&D materials.

[Recycling Collections](#)

June 22
[MassDEP SWAC Meeting](#)
Boston

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

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This best management practices guide is considered a living document. To provide feedback on these guidelines, please contact [RecyclingWorks](#).

MassDEP Accepting Applications for Recycling Business Development Grant program

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's [Recycling Business Development Grant \(RBDG\) program](#) is currently accepting applications for its 2017 cycle. The program aims to assist recycling processors and manufacturers in creating sustainable markets for difficult-to-process materials, and to add value to municipal and business recycling efforts.

For this round of funding, MassDEP will consider projects dealing with the following eligible materials:

- container glass
- contamination in single-stream recycling
- contaminated food materials
- construction and demolition wood
- post-consumer bulky rigid plastics

Grant awards range from \$50,000 to \$400,000. The application deadline is June 30, 2017, at 5:00 PM.

Featured Articles

- A *BioCycle* article discusses [the progress Massachusetts has achieved in eliminating food waste](#) and the continuing challenges and opportunities for growth.
- *Manure Manager* features a dairy farm in Western Massachusetts and how the installation of an anaerobic digester on their property converts manure and food scraps into electricity.
- *WasteDive* describes a new pilot program to [help hotels reduce the amount of food waste they produce](#) through training and menu design.

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