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## RecyclingWorks Newsletter, October 2017

### RecyclingWorks Spotlight:

#### UMass Amherst Food Recovery Case Study

RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts recently created a case study on the comprehensive food recovery program at UMass Amherst.



UMass Amherst follows the Environmental Protection Agency's [Food Recovery Hierarchy](#), focusing on source reduction, donating surplus food, and composting scraps.



### Upcoming Events

**October 11**  
Cambridge Innovation Center's  
[Green Innovation Night](#)

**October 26**  
MassDEP  
[Construction and Demolition  
Subcommittee Meeting](#)  
Boston

**October 26**  
MassDEP  
[SWAC Meeting](#)  
Boston

**November 01**  
[WasteWise Fall Forum](#)

UMass Dining's concerted efforts to reduce food waste saved approximately \$750,000 over the past three years!

Read the [written accompaniment](#) to the case study video to learn more about how the strategies at UMass Amherst save money and reduce food waste. For assistance implementing a food recovery program, contact the RecyclingWorks hotline at (888) 254-5525 or email [info@recyclingworksma.com](mailto:info@recyclingworksma.com).

#### **RecyclingWorks Stakeholder Engagement Process: Source Reduction of Food Waste**

The US EPA's [Food Recovery Hierarchy](#) ranks source reduction as the top priority to recover wasted food. RecyclingWorks is developing best management practices for source reduction of food waste at institutional food service operations. This fall, RecyclingWorks is facilitating two stakeholder discussions on source reduction. RecyclingWorks invites managers of kitchens at colleges/universities, hospitals, corporate cafeterias, and other food service operations, to contribute to these discussions at the following events:

- [WasteWise Fall Forum](#) on November 1 at the Westin Boston Waterfront
- MassDEP [Organics Subcommittee Meeting](#) on December 7 in Boston

Boston

**November 06**  
[Striving for Zero Waste at Colleges and Universities Workshop](#)  
Harvard University

**November 9**  
CURC Webinar:  
[Food Organics Waste Prevention & Recovery](#)

**November 9**  
Associated Industries of MA  
[Food Sustainability Symposium](#)  
Easthampton

**November 13**  
NERC Fall  
Conference: [Recycling Tomorrow 30 Years Later](#)  
Amherst

**December 07**  
MassDEP  
[Organics Subcommittee Meeting](#)  
Boston

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### RecyclingWorks Website Update: FY17 Annual Report

During the last fiscal year, RecyclingWorks provided direct assistance to approximately 1,300 businesses and spoke at 45 events reaching more than 1,600 attendees. Learn more in the [RecyclingWorks Annual Report](#) for Fiscal Year 2017

### Featured Articles

- A recent [Boston Globe](#) article highlight's chefs at several restaurants who incorporate every part of their meat and produce into recipes, leaving no edible food to waste.
- LeanPath recently launched "[Spark](#)", a new digital signage product designed to increase food waste awareness and inspire behavioral changes.
- The challenges of buffet food waste at hotels is discussed in this recent [Forbes article](#).

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