

RecyclingWorks November Newsletter

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RecyclingWorks Spotlight: Deconstruction and Building Materials Reuse

RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts recently created a video featuring an Auburndale Builders project in Wayland, which captured building materials from the deconstruction of two houses for reuse and recycling. This case study demonstrates how deconstruction can provide significant environmental and monetary benefits over traditional demolition.



Upcoming Events

November 06

[Striving for Zero Waste at Colleges and Universities](#),
Allston

November 9

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

November 9

Associated Industries of
MA [Food Sustainability Symposium](#),
Easthampton

November 13



The homeowners donated reusable materials to [EcoBuilding Bargains](#), a nonprofit building materials reuse store, and were able to claim more than \$50,000 in tax deductions! Learn more in the [written accompaniment](#) to the case study. For assistance diverting these materials from disposal, see RecyclingWorks' [Construction & Demolition Materials Guidance](#) or contact the RecyclingWorks hotline at **(888) 254-5525** or email info@recyclingworksma.com.

National Sword Markets Update

[National Sword](#) is the Chinese government's new policy to limit the import of secondary mixed paper and mixed plastics. To address the uncertainty of impacts of this policy on recycling markets, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) is evaluating the situation, communicating with impacted parties, and collaborating with other state government agencies nationwide.

The best steps for businesses and institutions are to keep recycling streams clean and free of contaminants and to

NERC Fall
Conference: [Recycling
Tomorrow
30 Years Later](#),
Amherst

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

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work closely with your hauler to identify and resolve any contamination concerns. As more information becomes available, MassDEP will share updates through the [RecyclingWorks](#) program and work to facilitate solutions that foster the continued success of recycling programs in Massachusetts.

Food Sustainability Symposium

Join us for our [Food Sustainability Symposium](#) on **November 9** at Mill 180 Park in **Easthampton**. Learn from UMass Amherst, Stop & Shop, Log Cabin Restaurant, River Valley Market, and Brew Practitioners about diverting food scraps and donating surplus food.

[Register Today!](#)

This event is co-hosted by RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, and the Economic Development Council of Western Massachusetts.

RecyclingWorks Website Feature

Check out the following RecyclingWorks resources for specific guidance on recycling some of the most common materials from businesses and institutions:

- [Bottles & Cans](#)
- [Cardboard](#)

- [Construction Materials](#)
- [Electronics](#)
- [Fluorescent Lamps/Light Bulbs](#)
- [Food Waste](#)
- [Pallets](#)
- [Paper](#)
- [Plastics](#)

If you'd like help starting or expanding an existing recycling or composting program, call our hotline **(888) 254-5525**, or email info@recyclingworksma.com.

Featured Articles

- A recent [WasteDive article](#) describes how the Waste Management Boston CORE facility depackages food waste for anaerobic digestion.
- The American Biogas Council profiled [Pine Island Farm's](#) anaerobic digester which captures heat and electricity.

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