

RecyclingWorks January Newsletter

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Best Management Practices for Source Reduction

The US EPA's Food Recovery Hierarchy ranks source reduction as the top priority to recover wasted food. RecyclingWorks is developing best management practices (BMPs) for source reduction of food waste at institutional food service operations, and invites food service professionals to contribute to this document.



Upcoming Events

January 17
NERC and NEWMOA
Webinar [C&D Materials
Management & Markets in the
Northeast](#)

January 24
EBC [12th Annual Construction
and Demolition Materials
Management Summit](#)
Framingham

January 25
MassDEP [SWAC Meeting](#)
Boston

A draft version of the [Source Reduction BMPs](#) is now available for review. Comments and feedback are strongly encouraged! Please email comments to info@recyclingworksma.com or call the RecyclingWorks hotline **(888) 254-5525** by **Friday, January 12**. Your feedback will be incorporated into the BMPs, which will be published soon and shared in upcoming RecyclingWorks Newsletters.

RecyclingWorks Website Feature: Kitchen Source Separation

RecyclingWorks previously developed BMPs for [Source Separation of Food Scraps](#), which include guidance for kitchen separation, hauler collection frequencies, and outdoor storage practices. Check out our [new instructional video](#) featuring UMass Amherst to learn how to effectively source separate food scraps in commercial kitchens.



RecyclingWorks Spotlight: Camp Ramah

Camp Ramah in New England is a year-round operation, with a busy summer camp season from June to September.

March 6
RecyclingWorks [2018 College & University Forum](#)
Boston College

March 26
MASSRECYCLE 2018 [R3 Recycling & Organics Conference and Trade Show](#)
Framingham

June 26
Harvard Law School & ReFED [U.S. Food Waste Summit](#)
Harvard Law School

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Situated on 90 acres in Palmer, the camp recently built a new kitchen and dining hall to accommodate the more than 900 campers that visit each summer. In 2017, Camp Ramah reached out to RecyclingWorks when their organic waste hauler was acquired by another entity, which was unable to continue providing this service.

RecyclingWorks staff conducted an assessment with the Executive Chef and discussed off-site composting with various haulers. This technical assistance connected Camp Ramah with a farmer in Barre who recently started collecting and composting food waste. With this partnership in place, Camp Ramah is on track to resume organics diversion in April 2018.

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

- *WasteDive* described how [organics customers, recovery, and projected capacity are all growing in Massachusetts](#) since the state enacted its commercial organics waste disposal ban in 2014.
- *Metro* highlighted a new partnership between [Boston-based Boloco Restaurants and Food for All](#) that aims to address hunger and reduce food waste.

- *Huffington Post* recently reported on the [technological innovations in transit, sanitation, and big data](#) helping to prevent food waste.

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