

RecyclingWorks February Newsletter

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RecyclingWorks Website Feature: New Technical Assistance Webpage

Does your business or institution need help starting or expanding a recycling, reuse, or food recovery program? Check out RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts' new [Technical Assistance page](#) to learn more about customized, no-cost technical assistance for your business.

RecyclingWorks provides both remote and on-site assistance and can help your business identify waste diversion opportunities, analyze costs, train staff, create waste bin signage, and more! Visit the [Technical Assistance page](#), call our hotline at (888) 254-5525, or email us at info@recyclingworksma.com to learn more.



Upcoming Events

February 4
Deadline to register for
[2018 RecycleMania](#)

February 12
Boston Zero Waste [Advisory
Committee Meeting](#),
Boston

February 15
EPA Sustainable Materials
Management
Webinar, [Recycling Market
Update](#)

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

Featured Event: 2018 College and University Forum

Join RecyclingWorks on **March 6** from 8:30am-12:30pm at **Boston College** for the [2018 College & University \(C&U\) Forum](#). This forum will focus on furniture reuse programs at colleges and universities, as well as recycling and food recovery in public spaces, cafeterias, and at special events.

Hear how your peers are giving retired dorm, office, and classroom furniture a second life. Also learn strategies for reducing contamination when collecting recyclables and food waste in public spaces. This event is free, but space is limited. [Register today!](#)

Boston Starts Zero Waste Planning Process

The City of Boston recently started a nine-month process to develop a municipal zero waste plan. The plan will provide recommendations on policies, programs, and facilities needed to reduce, reuse, and recycle more materials from residents, businesses, and City government. The City has convened a Zero Waste Advisory Committee, with both Residential and Institutional/Commercial/Industrial Subcommittees, which will work with consultants to develop recommendations for the Mayor. The City has set up a [webpage](#) that will include updated information on the process and recommendations as these are developed.

The first meeting of the Advisory Committee and Subcommittees will be on February 12 from 9:00am - 11:30am at Boston City Hall. Those interested in attending or learning more should contact Amy Perlmutter of

Boston College

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

March 31
Deadline to submit data for
EPA [WasteWise](#) & [Food Recovery Challenge](#)

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

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Perlmutter Associates (amy@aperlmutter.com) with “Boston Zero Waste” in the subject line.

Featured Articles

- According to a recent post on the *Sustainable America* blog, [Super Bowl LII Aims to Score Zero for Waste](#), a win for the green sports movement.
- A [Northeast Recycling Council \(NERC\) blog post](#) looks at the challenges consumers, haulers, and processors face when it comes to non-food compostable items.
- A recent *Waste Dive* article, [Local recyclers faced 'perfect storm' of hard factors this winter](#), highlights MassDEP's report on capacity constraints at local material recycling facilities. These recent recycling market issues highlight how important it is for businesses and institutions to work with their haulers to reduce contamination in single stream and cardboard recycling containers. Common contaminants in commercial recycling programs include food waste, plastic bags, and rubber gloves.

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