

## College & University Forum RECYCLINGW



# Furniture Reuse Programs & Recycling and Food Recovery in Public Spaces, Cafeterias, and at Special Events





## RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts



- Free Assistance for businesses and institutions
  - Comply with MassDEP waste bans
  - Maximize waste diversion
  - Save money
  - Improve customer/employee satisfaction
- Funded by MassDEP, delivered under contract by the Center for EcoTechnology





## RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts



- Online Resources
- Email and Phone Hotline
- Technical Assistance
- Events and Workshops





## Source Reduction of Food Waste Best Practices



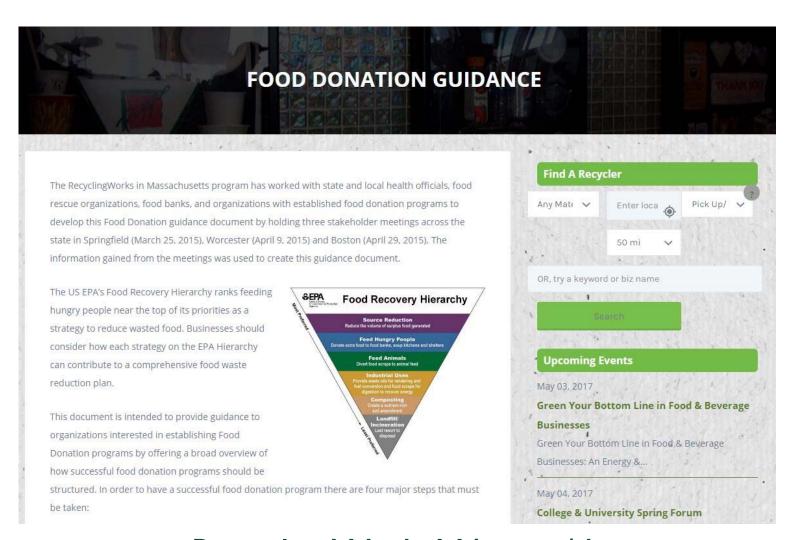
- Economic, social, and environmental benefits
- Waste tracking
- Meal planning and food purchasing
- Back of house & front of house reduction strategies
- Training





### Food Donation Guidance





www.RecyclingWorksMA.com/donate

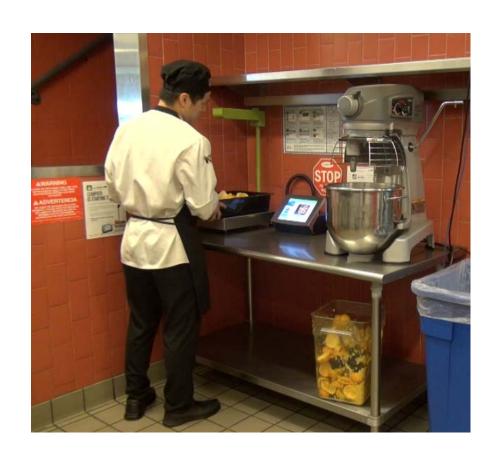


## UMass Amherst Case Study



## Food Recovery Across the EPA Hierarchy

- Video Focus on Source Reduction
- UMass Dining saved \$750,000 over the past three years by reducing wasted food



#### **Video and Written Case Study:**



## Furniture and Office Equipment Best Management Practices



#### **Process**

- RecyclingWorks developing guidance document
- Three stakeholder meetings
- Draft guidance for feedback
- Living resource

#### **Focus**

- Steps to take to maximize opportunities for reuse
- Reusability & recyclability consideration when procuring new furniture
- Alternatives to disposal for furniture that does not have a reuse outlet



## **Upcoming Events**



- MassRecycle R3 Conference: March 26 in Framingham
- WasteWise Spring Forum: Date and location TBD
- Furniture and Office Equipment Reuse BMPs Stakeholder
  Meetings: Dates TBD

Central, MA: Devens Eco-Efficiency Center, Devens, May 3rd

Eastern, MA: Boston Children's' Museum, Boston

Western, MA: EcoBuilding Bargains, Springfield

### Switch to Solar Hot Water

#### Commonwealth Solar Hot Water Program

The Center for EcoTechnology can provide you with:

- Solar hot water installer to get your projects done
- Information on grants and rebates to help cover costs
- Step by step guidance through the whole process

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## RecyclingWorks Hotline

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