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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



FOOD DONATION GUIDANCE

The RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts program has worked with state and local health officials, food rescue organizations, food banks, and organizations with established food donation programs to develop this Food Donation guidance document by holding three stakeholder meetings across the state in Springfield (March 25, 2015), Worcester (April 9, 2015) and Boston (April 29, 2015). The information gained from the meetings was used to create this guidance document.

The US EPA's Food Recovery Hierarchy ranks feeding hungry people near the top of its priorities as a strategy to reduce wasted food. Businesses should consider how each strategy on the EPA Hierarchy can contribute to a comprehensive food waste reduction plan.

This document is intended to provide guidance to organizations interested in establishing Food Donation programs by offering a broad overview of how successful food donation programs should be structured. In order to have a successful food donation program there are four major steps that must be taken:

Find A Recycler

Any Mater Pick Up/

OR, try a keyword or biz name

Search

Upcoming Events

May 03, 2017
Green Your Bottom Line in Food & Beverage Businesses
Green Your Bottom Line in Food & Beverage
Businesses: An Energy &...

May 04, 2017
College & University Spring Forum

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:

<https://youtu.be/ZmdvRoY2bjU>

<https://recyclingworksma.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/UMassCaseStudyFINAL-1A.pdf>



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

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Commonwealth Solar Hot Water Program

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- Information on grants and rebates to help cover costs
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