

RecyclingWorks April Newsletter

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RecyclingWorks Website Updates

Waste Ban Compliance Tip Sheet for Retailers

RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts recently published sector-specific [Waste Ban Compliance Tips for Retailers](#).

This new tip sheet is available on the RecyclingWorks [Retail Sector page](#). The tip sheet highlights key waste bans for retailers (such as cardboard) and offers guidance about how to stay in compliance. RecyclingWorks will continue to develop tip sheets for additional business sectors.

Construction & Demolition Material Guidance

RecyclingWorks recently updated the [Construction & Demolition Material Guidance](#) to reflect a new US EPA report: [The State of the Practice of Construction and Demolition Material Recovery](#). Updates include additional information on when to consider deconstruction, when



Upcoming Events

May 3

RecyclingWorks
[Central Mass Furniture Reuse Stakeholder Meeting](#),
Devens

May 10

RecyclingWorks [2018 Spring WasteWise Forum](#),
Worcester

May 17

RecyclingWorks
[Western Mass Furniture Reuse Stakeholder Meeting](#),
Springfield

May 24

source separation of materials is most commonly practiced, and what materials to consider source separating.

Upcoming RecyclingWorks Events:

2018 Spring WasteWise Forum

Register for the RecyclingWorks [2018 Spring WasteWise Forum](#), which will take place May 10 at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester. The WasteWise Forum, which is a joint program run by RecyclingWorks, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, will focus on two topics:

- Materials recovery facility (MRF) updates for businesses, with a focus on increasing material quality and reducing contamination
- Corporate/Institutional Office Furniture and Equipment Reuse Best Management Practices

There will be opportunities to network with local businesses, furniture and equipment reuse service providers, and local MRF operators.

Stakeholder Meetings: Furniture and Office Equipment Reuse Best Practices

RecyclingWorks is coordinating a series of meetings in May that will inform the development of best management practices for increasing reuse of corporate/institutional furniture and office equipment. Stakeholder meetings will be held in [Western](#), [Central](#), and [Eastern](#) Massachusetts.

Through these meetings, RecyclingWorks will engage

RecyclingWorks
[Eastern Mass Furniture Reuse Stakeholder Meeting](#),
Boston

June 1
RecyclingWorks
[Practical Skills Compost Workshop](#),
Greenfield

June 26-27
Harvard Law School & ReFED
[U.S. Food Waste Summit](#),
Cambridge

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stakeholders to learn about steps corporate and institutional entities can take to maximize opportunities for reusing furniture and office equipment.

For more information, or to register for an event, visit [RecyclingWorks' Events page](#). Please contact RecyclingWorks with any questions at **888-254-5525** or info@recyclingworksma.com.

RecyclingWorks Spotlight: IEC Partners

The International Entrepreneurship Center (IEC Partners) is a private consulting organization that recently acquired an office facility in Newton. IEC Partners' Office Manager, Elisangela Libby, reached out to RecyclingWorks when she discovered 1,300 brand-new plastic bedpans in storage that needed to be removed. Elisangela was highly motivated to donate the bedpans, but found local health care facilities were unable to accept them.

RecyclingWorks connected IEC Partners to the Free Mason Hospital Loan Fund, a hospital equipment loan program in Woburn that works closely with NuDay Syria, a non-profit organization based out of New England that provides humanitarian aid and medical relief to help displaced Syrians. NuDay Syria was happy to accept the bedpans and will send them to Turkey, where they will help displaced Syrian families. Elisangela was thrilled when RecyclingWorks told her the bedpans (1.7 tons of rigid plastic) will be diverted from landfills and donated to a good cause: "I can't thank you enough for your efforts on helping me with this. I sincerely appreciate it. I could not have been happier with this outcome!"

[RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts](#) helps businesses and institutions reduce waste and maximize recycling, reuse, donation, and composting opportunities. To speak to a recycling and food recovery expert, call our hotline: **888-254-5525** or email us at info@recyclingworksma.com.

Featured Articles

- The Daily Free Press recently described how a Boston-based startup, Food for All, is [combating food waste and considering a new partnership](#) with Boston University.
- The National Restaurant Association and ReFED recently released [new resources designed to help restaurants](#) improve sustainability by diverting food waste from disposal.
- A recent *Waste360* article describes how [an anaerobic digestion facility located at the Crapo Hill landfill in New Bedford](#) is expanding to increase its capacity for depackaging and processing organic waste.

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