

RecyclingWorks May Newsletter

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RecyclingWorks Website Updates

New & Improved Search Functionality

RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts recently launched a new and improved website search feature to make it even easier for you to find relevant resources. [Visit our website](#) and click on the magnifying glass in the top right-hand corner to search for key terms and to discover new content that will help maximize recycling, reuse, and food waste diversion opportunities for your business or institution.

Retail Tip Sheet: Ya disponible en Español

The Waste Ban Compliance Tips for Retailers fact sheet published on the RecyclingWorks [Retail Sector page](#) is now available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#). This tip sheet highlights key waste ban materials for retailers, such as cardboard, and provides guidance on how to stay in compliance with the waste ban regulations.



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

MassDEP RBDG Announcement

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) [Recycling Business Development Grant \(RBDG\) program](#) is currently accepting applications for its 2018 grant cycle. This program is intended to help Massachusetts recycling processors and manufacturers create sustainable markets for eligible materials, and to add value to municipal and business recycling efforts.

Grant awards range from \$50,000 to \$400,000, and will be awarded in two rounds during 2018. Round One applications are due **June 29, 2018 by 5:00pm** and Round Two applications are due **October 5, 2018 by 5:00pm**. Visit the [MassDEP RBDG Program website](#) to learn more about the grant requirements, eligible materials, and the application process.

Upcoming Event: 2018 Spring WasteWise Forum

The full agenda for the [2018 Spring WasteWise Forum](#) is now available. The Forum, which will be held on May 10 at College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, will feature a panel discussion of Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) operators which will also be [available via webinar](#). Please visit the [RecyclingWorks website](#) to view the full agenda and register to attend.

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

June 29

MassDEP [Recycling Business Development Grants](#)
Round One
Application Deadline

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RecyclingWorks Spotlight: Wellesley College

Wellesley College is a private women's liberal arts college in Massachusetts with approximately 2,300 students.

Wellesley's Sustainability Coordinator contacted RecyclingWorks seeking assistance to find a film plastic recycler when their previous service provider stopped accepting film plastic.

RecyclingWorks connected Wellesley to Trex, a manufacturer that utilizes recycled materials, such as film plastics, to produce wood-alternative decking, railings, and other outdoor items. Trex already accepts the film plastics generated at several Whole Foods Market locations for recycling, and RecyclingWorks helped Wellesley identify a recycling solution by leveraging this existing relationship. The college will now send their film plastics to the nearest Whole Foods Market, where the material can be combined with the grocer's film plastics and sent to Trex for recycling.

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

Featured Articles

- *The Wellesley News* and *Massachusetts Daily Collegian* reported on [efforts at Wellesley College and UMass Amherst](#) to partner with local food

recovery programs.

- Using data from LeanPath, *Waste360* [examined the role overproduction plays](#) in waste in foodservice and how technology is helping businesses and consumers reduce wasted food.
- *Waste Today* shared the highlights of a report from the Commission for Environmental Cooperation on the [impacts of food waste and loss in North America](#) and the solutions available to reduce wasted food across the food supply chain.



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