

RecyclingWorks August Newsletter

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### RecyclingWorks Website Update:

#### Waste Ban Compliance Tip Sheet for Restaurants

RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts recently published sector-specific [Waste Ban Compliance Tips for Restaurants](#). This new tip sheet is available on the RecyclingWorks [Restaurant Sector page](#). The tip sheet highlights key waste bans for restaurants (such as [cardboard](#), [bottles and cans](#), and [food scraps](#)) and offers guidance about how to stay in compliance. This tip sheet is available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#). RecyclingWorks will continue to develop tip sheets for additional business sectors.



### Upcoming Events

#### August 16

RecyclingWorks  
Webinar: [Reducing Recycling Contamination at Colleges & Universities](#)

#### October 5

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

### New RecyclingWorks Website Feature:

#### Food Donation Case Study

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Food donation is a critical part of reducing wasted food. RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts recently created a case study on food donation that examines strategies employed by the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel and the Medford Whole Foods Market. This case study describes successful approaches to food donation in the retail and hospitality sectors. Although each sector offers unique challenges and opportunities, the case study identifies some commonalities in the solutions the Westin and Whole Foods utilized to begin and expand their food donation programs.



Partnering with food rescue organizations to act as liaisons between the generators and the recipient organizations allows the Westin and Whole Foods to donate food with certainty that it is being handled and transported safely, and that it is being delivered to appropriate recipient organizations. In each case, the food rescue organizations also provided training to the generators' staff to maximize the amount of food that could be rescued and identify opportunities for greater efficiency in the donation process.

Read the [written case study](#) or watch the [video](#) to learn more about how the food donation strategies employed by the Boston Westin Waterfront and Whole Foods help each business save money and reduce waste while feeding hungry people. For assistance implementing a food recovery

program, contact the RecyclingWorks hotline at **888-254-5525** or email [info@recyclingworksma.com](mailto:info@recyclingworksma.com).

**Upcoming Event:**

**RecyclingWorks College & University Webinar**

[Improving Recycling Quality at Colleges and Universities](#)

Thursday, August 16

1:00pm-2:00pm

Ensuring high quality, clean recyclables is always important, but it is especially important in the current recycling market conditions. Join RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), and Casella Waste Systems for a webinar to learn how to improve recycling quality and reduce contamination at your campus this school year.

The intended audience for this webinar includes college & university facility managers, dining service operators, and recycling and sustainability coordinators. [Click here to register.](#)

**Featured Articles**

- *The Boston Globe* recently described [strategies colleges can use](#) to help reduce waste when students move out every year. The article examines solutions from Harvard, Boston

University, Tufts University, and Emerson College.

- *Item Live* recently [highlighted several Massachusetts businesses](#) that are partnering with local food rescue organizations to provide excess food to residents and children who need healthy meals.
- The *Boston Globe* recently [reported on the efforts of the Winthrop-based food recovery organization, Mi Amore](#), which works with local restaurants, grocery stores, assisted living facilities, and schools to deliver rescued food to elders, single-parent families, and recovering addicts.

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