

RecyclingWorks September Newsletter

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RecyclingWorks Find-A-Recycler Updates

Looking for a recycler or composter for your business? The RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts [Find-a-Recycler tool](#) allows you to search our database to connect with recycling and composting service providers in your area. This tool includes more than 370 recyclers that service businesses and institutions in Massachusetts. Use the Find-a-Recycler tool on the [RecyclingWorks homepage](#) to refine your search based on material category, location, or keyword.

RecyclingWorks recently contacted all of the businesses listed in our Find-A-Recycler tool to ensure the information is up-to-date. If you are listed in our database and would like to update your business information, please contact RecyclingWorks at 888-254-5525 or info@recyclingworksma.com.



Upcoming Events

September 21

EPA Webinar [Preventing Food Waste Upstream – A Source Reduction Approach, Part Two](#)

October 5

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

October 18

MassDEP [Construction & Demolition Subcommittee Meeting](#)
Boston

October 25

MassDEP [Solid Waste](#)

To add your company to our Find-A-Recycler database, please fill out [this form](#). Note that your listing will only go live after our RecyclingWorks team has reviewed your submission.

RecyclingWorks College & University Recycling Webinar Recap

Ensuring high quality, clean recyclables is always important, but is especially important in the current recycling market conditions. RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts [recently hosted a webinar](#) focused on reducing contamination in college and university recycling streams. Experts from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and Casella Waste Systems described the challenges associated with recycling contamination, what MassDEP and recycling facilities are doing to curb contamination, and steps colleges and universities can take to ensure they are collecting the appropriate materials for recycling and effectively reducing contamination.

The webinar recording and presentations are available on the RecyclingWorks [College & University Forum](#) webpage. Stay tuned for more details on the next College & University Forum, to be held in Spring 2019.

RecyclingWorks Spotlight: Volpe National Transportation Center

[Advisory Committee Meeting](#)

Boston

October 30

Northeast Recycling Council (NERC) [Fall Conference: The Future of MRFs](#)
Rocky Hill, CT

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The United States Department of Transportation's John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, located in Cambridge, serves as a federal transportation and logistics expertise center. RecyclingWorks provided [on-site technical assistance](#) to help the Volpe Center successfully implement a comprehensive organics diversion program in the cafeteria. This assistance enabled the Volpe Center employees to streamline their recycling program while implementing efficient front-of-house and back-of-house organics collection.

The Volpe Center significantly increased their waste diversion after receiving RecyclingWorks technical assistance. In June 2018, the US Environmental Protection Agency recognized the Volpe Center through the Federal Green Challenge program for increasing diversion of compostable materials from 0.2 tons in FY16 to 4.4 tons in FY17. This was the highest percentage increase in waste diversion across more than 400 federal facilities that participate in the Federal Green Challenge, which motivates participants to make improvements in six different target areas, including waste reduction and diversion.

To learn more about the successful waste diversion program at the Volpe Center, read the recent [RecyclingWorks blog](#).

Featured Articles

- [Champions 12.3](#) recently released the results of a study of food service businesses that implemented food waste reduction strategies. The study identified key components of successful food waste reduction programs, and found that for every dollar

invested in food waste reduction, businesses saved an average of six dollars.

- [Waste360](#) recently profiled several businesses taking innovative approaches to reducing food waste. The companies leverage technology to help foodservice businesses more accurately order inventory, track waste, and market unsold food.
- [MassLive](#) recently described the challenge of food waste in the restaurant industry, and identified some common causes of waste in foodservice operations. The article also mentions solutions, including accurate consumer demand forecasting and repurposing unsold food and trimmings into saleable food items.



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