

RecyclingWorks October Newsletter

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RecyclingWorks Website Update

RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts

(RecyclingWorks) recently updated our [Food Waste page](#).

This update streamlines the page's content, making it easier to understand the underlying concepts and offering quicker access to additional pages relevant to food waste reduction. The page offers links to key RecyclingWorks food waste diversion and reduction resources to help you:

- [Estimate your food waste](#)
- [Comply with the Commercial Organics Waste Ban](#)
- [Reduce food waste at the source](#)
- [Donate food](#)
- [Separate and collect wasted food](#)

The Food Waste page also concentrates all of our [case studies](#) related to food waste and links to additional food



Upcoming Events

October 5

MassDEP

[Recycling Business
Development Grants](#)

Round Two Application
Deadline

October 18

MassDEP

[Construction & Demolition
Subcommittee Meeting](#)

Boston

October 25

MassDEP

[Solid Waste Advisory
Committee \(SWAC\) Meeting](#)

Boston

waste reduction resources from RecyclingWorks and elsewhere.

RecyclingWorks Program Update: Construction & Demolition Site Technical Assistance

RecyclingWorks now provides Construction and Demolition (C&D) Site Technical Assistance for commercial and industrial projects to help increase recycling rates and reduce project costs. RecyclingWorks can assist with C&D waste source separation and waste diversion for project developers and/or contractors in Massachusetts. Technical assistance can include:

- Developing building specs related to waste diversion
- Identifying potential reuse/recycling outlets for materials
- Writing a Waste Management Plan
- Assessing the cost of reuse/recycling versus disposal
- Setting up a reporting and record-keeping system to track project costs and/or material disposition
- Developing a training program for workers, contractors, and sub-contractors

For more information on Construction and Demolition best practices, refer to RecyclingWorks' [C&D Material Guidance](#). For C&D site technical assistance, call the RecyclingWorks hotline **(888) 254-5525** or email info@recyclingworksma.com.

October 30
NERC [Fall Conference: The Future of MRFs](#)
Rocky Hill, CT

November 8
RecyclingWorks
[2018 Fall WasteWise Forum](#)
Westborough

March 7
RecyclingWorks
[College & University \(C&U\) Forum](#)
Wellesley

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2018 Fall WasteWise Forum

Join us at **E.L. Harvey & Sons** in Westborough on Thursday, **November 8** from **8:30am-1:00pm** for the [2018 Fall WasteWise Forum!](#)

This forum will focus on keeping the recycling stream free of contamination, including expert advice from operators of materials recovery facilities (MRFs), as well as processors that recycle materials not collected by MRFs. The forum will also include a tour of E.L. Harvey & Sons' MRF.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register to attend this event.

The Massachusetts [WasteWise](#) Program is a joint program run by RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) that encourages businesses and institutions to reduce waste.

RecyclingWorks Spotlight: Syneron Candela

Syneron Candela is a global leader in developing and marketing esthetic medical products. Syneron's Wayland facility signed an Administrative Consent Order with a Penalty (ACOP) with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection in August 2018 for the disposal of cardboard and metal, both of which are [waste ban materials](#). RecyclingWorks staff met with Syneron's Facilities Specialist and learned employees had been using a 20-yard open-top

dumpster for periodic department cleanouts.

RecyclingWorks staff recommended that Syneron staff work with their hauler, Wellesley Trucking, to discuss options for recycling. Wellesley Trucking suggested having a follow-up meeting with their partner, Asset Closeout Sales, a recycler and manager of assets including computers, industrial machinery, laboratory equipment, medical equipment, and more.

Asset Closeout Sales was able to take Syneron's open-top dumpster and sort out half a ton of mixed materials for recycling. They also serviced and recycled material from the metal dumpster, diverting more than five tons of metal and electronics from the landfill. Syneron Candela, Wellesley Trucking, and Asset Closeout Sales will continue collaborating to foster environmental stewardship and ensure waste ban compliance.

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

Featured Articles

- *Spoiler Alert* recently detailed [four factors that contribute to reducing food waste](#) in food distribution facilities. When considered in the context of the size of the facility, these factors can help create additional value for food distributors through reducing waste.
- The US Environmental Protection Agency [recently hosted an informational webinar](#) about reducing food waste at the source through strategies like

taking accurate inventory, changing processes, and buying less. Read our summary for more information.

- *WickedLocal Wellesley* reported on the town's 3R Working Group and its partners [receiving a 2018 Environmental Merit Award](#) from the New England Region of the US EPA for its food rescue initiative. In less than one year, the initiative has already donated nearly 10,000 pounds of surplus food to needy recipients in partnership with Cambridge-based food rescue organization Food For Free.



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