

RecyclingWorks February Newsletter

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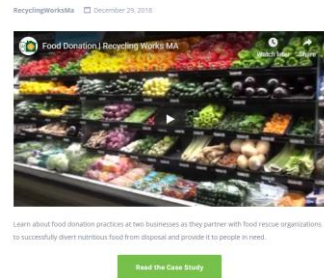
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### Introducing the RecyclingWorks Case Studies Webpage

This month, RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts (RecyclingWorks) launched a new [Case Studies webpage](#) which compiles dozens of video and written case studies spotlighting waste diversion programs from a variety of businesses and institutions around the state. These case studies provide valuable insight into establishing successful programs, overcoming challenges, and achieving sustainability and financial goals.

The new webpage makes it easier than ever to filter our library of existing case studies by business sector, such as [hotels, restaurants](#), or [supermarkets](#), and material, such as [recyclables](#), [construction & demolition materials](#), or [food waste](#). Check out these helpful resources for inspiration on how to improve your own recycling and food waste diversion

### Food Donation



### Upcoming Events

**February 20**

MassDEP  
[Solid Waste Master Plan  
Source Reduction Meeting](#)  
Boston

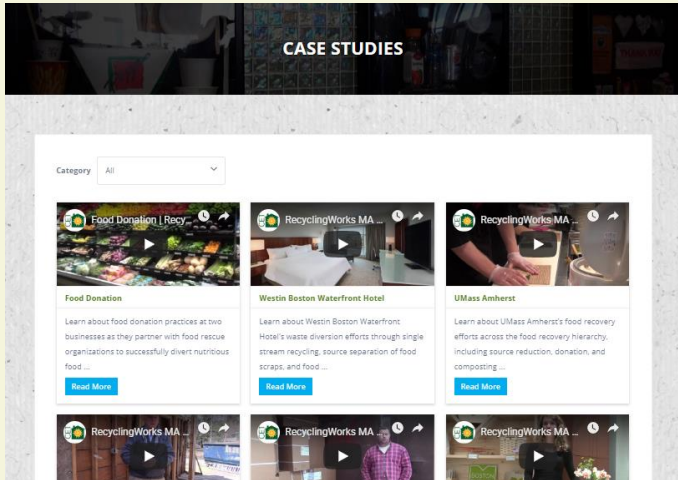
**March 7**

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

**March 25**

MassRecycle

programs.



*RecyclingWorks [Case Studies webpage](#)*

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Framingham

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## Commercial Organics Hauling Customers in Massachusetts

Businesses and institutions across Massachusetts are joining the initiative to divert food waste from disposal. RecyclingWorks has been collecting data directly from organics haulers on the number of commercial organics customers in Massachusetts each year. From 2014 to 2018, the number of commercial organics customers in Massachusetts increased from approximately 1,350 to 2,300, representing a 70% increase or 950 additional businesses and institutions. Learn more in this RecyclingWorks [blog post](#). Businesses may use the RecyclingWorks [Find-A-Recycler Tool](#) to search for local organics haulers and recycling businesses across Massachusetts. To speak to an expert about implementing a food waste diversion program, call our hotline: **(888) 254-5525** or email us at [info@recyclingworksma.com](mailto:info@recyclingworksma.com).



### RecyclingWorks Spotlight: Judd Wire

[Judd Wire](#) is a manufacturing facility in Turners Falls that produces high-technology electronic wire and cable products for the automotive and aerospace industries. The company generates a wide range of waste, including single stream recyclables, film plastics, thermoplastic polymers, copper, and various metal compounds. Judd Wire reached out to RecyclingWorks to request assistance with increasing their diversion of these materials.

After receiving technical assistance, Judd Wire made significant improvements to their recycling program by installing additional collection bins in their facility, refining signage, and launching a comprehensive educational program for all staff. Through these efforts, Judd Wire was able to increase their annual waste diversion to include an additional 3 tons of cardboard, 2 tons of film plastic, and 1 ton of single stream materials. Learn more in this RecyclingWorks [blog post](#), and contact us to learn more about our [no-cost technical assistance](#) for businesses and institutions.

## Featured Article

[Waste360](#) recently reported on the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) enforcement of statewide [Waste Disposal Bans](#). These bans are an important part of the department's comprehensive strategy to encourage recycling in the state. In 2018, the agency issued 119 notices of non-compliance to entities found violating the waste bans. More than 80 percent of observed waste ban violations are for cardboard, a material that is readily recyclable with well-established local markets for processing and manufacturing.

Entities that receive a notice of non-compliance are required to respond to MassDEP to describe their strategy to prevent disposal of banned materials. All businesses and institutions are encouraged to take advantage of the free educational resources and technical assistance offered through [RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts](#), a MassDEP-funded program that helps these entities reduce waste and improve recycling practices.

