

RecyclingWorks October Newsletter

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RecyclingWorks FY19 Annual Report

During the last fiscal year, RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts (RecyclingWorks) assisted over 1,600 businesses, diverting over 3,400 tons of material from disposal. This contributes to an overall cumulative program impact of more than 140,000 tons of material diverted since 2013.

Here are some highlights from the RecyclingWorks Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2019:

- RecyclingWorks continued to assist businesses and institutions in reducing contamination and identifying new outlets for recyclable materials as a result of changes in recycling markets. Common topics addressed in hotline calls and technical assistance included recycling contamination &



Upcoming Events

October 4
MassDEP

[RBDG Application Deadline](#)

October 16
MassRecycle

[Fall Social](#)
Boston

October 21
RecyclingWorks

[Compost Site Operators
Practical Skills Workshop](#)
Needham

October 24
MassDEP

[SWAC Meeting](#)
Boston

quality, organics diversion, construction & demolition materials, and plastics recycling.

- Amongst other resources, RecyclingWorks developed new content to assist with commercial [single stream recycling](#), incorporating the guidance MassDEP offers through the Recycle Smart MA initiative. The webpage also features a new educational graphic that instructs employees who collect and transport materials on [how to keep single stream materials separate from the trash](#).
- After engaging various stakeholders across the state, RecyclingWorks published best management practices for [Business & Institutional Furniture and Office Equipment Reuse](#). The new guidance webpage discusses different types of reuse outlets, offers tips for developing a furniture reuse plan, describes the requirements for state facilities, and includes a list of reuse organizations that service businesses and institutions in Massachusetts.
- RecyclingWorks continued to reach new businesses through targeted outreach and in-person presentations and conferences. Throughout FY19, RecyclingWorks reached over 1,000 attendees at 28 events to increase awareness of program services and resources and to provide technical guidance on topics related to reuse, recycling, and food waste diversion.

Read our [recent blog](#) for more highlights and view the full [RecyclingWorks FY19 Annual Report](#) for additional details on program activities and trends.

October 30

MassDEP

[C&D Subcommittee Meeting](#)

Boston

November 13

RecyclingWorks

[2019 Fall WasteWise Forum](#)

Dartmouth

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MassDEP Draft 2020-2030 Solid Waste Master Plan

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has posted the [Draft Massachusetts 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan](#) and public hearing notice. This plan provides the framework, direction, and goals for solid waste reduction and management policy for the state. The website and notice list the dates, times, and locations of public hearings. The public comment period will run until December 6, 2019 and comments can be submitted to dep.swmp@mass.gov or to John Fischer, MassDEP, One Winter Street, Boston, MA 02108.

MassDEP has also posted a presentation on the Draft Plan that was presented at the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting held on September 26, 2019. This presentation, along with a recording of the webinar for this meeting, are available [here](#).

RecyclingWorks 2019 Fall WasteWise Forum

Registration is now open for the [2019 Fall WasteWise Forum](#), taking place on **Wednesday, November 13 from 8:30am – 12:00pm** at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth campus.



This forum will focus on reducing contamination in collection programs and using technology to donate and reduce food waste, with opportunities to network with local businesses, institutions, and recyclers. Speakers include representatives from UMass Dartmouth, Boloco, and Food for All. The forum will conclude with an optional tour showcasing the recycling and food waste diversion programs at UMass Dartmouth.

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

RecyclingWorks College & University Waste Ban Compliance Tips

RecyclingWorks developed a new [Waste Ban Compliance Tip Sheet](#) for Massachusetts colleges and universities. This document includes information about waste ban materials that higher education institutions are likely to have on campus, such as cardboard & paper, containers, construction & demolition materials, and food waste. Colleges and universities that generate one ton or more of food waste per week are subject to the [commercial organics waste ban](#).



Click photo to access the tip sheet

In addition to providing material guidance, this resource consolidates applicable resources for colleges & universities such as case studies, graphics, and recommendations for hauler communication and employee education.

RecyclingWorks also produces a quarterly college & university newsletter. If you do not receive this newsletter and would like to be added, please email info@recyclingworksma.com.



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