



RecyclingWorks Newsletter, February 2020

RecyclingWorks Featured Events

RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts (RecyclingWorks) will be hosting the [2020 Spring WasteWise Forum: Back to Basics](#) on **Thursday, April 16, 2020** from 8:30am – 12:00pm at Brandeis University. The WasteWise Forum will provide facility managers of large organizations with the information and tools necessary to establish and manage effective solid waste, recycling, and organics diversion programs, with an emphasis on reducing contamination. Attendees will go on a 'movement of materials' tour of the university and participate in an interactive discussion to share successes and troubleshoot common challenges in operations, training, education, and more.



Upcoming Events

February 14

[MDAR Agricultural Composting Improvement Grant Program Deadline](#)

February 28

[MDAR Agricultural Energy Grant Program Deadline](#)

April 2

[MassRecycle 2020 Recycling Conference & Trade Show](#)

Framingham

April 16

[RecyclingWorks 2020 Spring WasteWise Forum: Back to Basics](#)

Brandeis University



April 16
[RecyclingWorks 2020 College
& University Forum](#)
Brandeis University

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RecyclingWorks will also be hosting the next [College & University Forum](#) on **Thursday, April 16, 2020** from 12:30-4:00pm at Brandeis University. The focus of this Forum is communicating with the campus community about your institution's recycling program. Attendees will hear a presentation from Brandeis University and participate in a discussion on successful strategies and common barriers to ensuring staff, students, and visitors are collecting the proper materials for recycling.

Register now for the [2020 Spring WasteWise Forum](#) and [2020 College & University Forum!](#)

Source Reduction and Reuse Working Group Invitation

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's (MassDEP) forthcoming Source Reduction and Reuse Working Group will serve as a new subcommittee to help inform and guide the implementation of the 2020-2030 Solid Waste Master Plan. The group will work on a Strategic Plan to establish a comprehensive approach to advance source reduction and reuse, similar to the existing Organics Action Plan. To learn more

about participating in this group, contact Erin Victor at erin.victor@mass.gov.

RecyclingWorks Resource: Find-A-Recycler

Are you looking for a recycler or composter for your business? The RecyclingWorks [Find-a-Recycler](#) tool allows businesses and institutions to search and connect with recycling and composting service providers in their area. This tool includes nearly 400 haulers and processors that serve commercial entities across Massachusetts. Users can refine their search based on material category, location, or keyword.

Service providers can [list their business](#) on this tool; your listing will only go live after the RecyclingWorks team has reviewed your submission. If your business is already listed in our database and you would like to update your information, please [let us know](#).

In addition to our online resources and tools, businesses and institutions can receive additional RecyclingWorks assistance by phone, email, or in-person. Our [no-cost on-site assistance](#) is flexible and tailored to meet the needs of your organization. Our recycling and food waste experts can:

- Evaluate existing waste streams
- Identify opportunities to prevent, recover, and divert waste
- Empower employees through education and training
- Create customized waste bin signage
- Conduct a cost analysis for starting or expanding a waste diversion program
- Connect you with waste haulers and processors of recyclables and organics

Contact RecyclingWorks at (888) 254-5525 or info@recyclingworks.com to learn more!

Featured Articles:

- [NPR and PBS Newshour](#) recently reported that the Vanguard Renewables anaerobic digester at Bar-Way Farm processes approximately 100 tons of food waste per day. The facility sources material from Whole Foods, a nearby Cabot Creamery, and other local businesses, and digests the organic material to generate energy and a liquid byproduct used as nutrient-rich fertilizer on the farm.
- [Environmental & Energy Leader](#) recently reported on the increased waste diversion practices at Raytheon facilities in Waltham and across the country. The company works with suppliers to reduce the amount of non-recyclable packaging they receive and has developed internal systems for reuse of pallets, shipping materials, and shop rags. Raytheon facilities also participate in a number of other recycling and composting programs.
- [The Boston Globe](#) recently reported on Boston-area startups that are helping businesses and institutions reduce and recover food waste. This includes source reduction technology platforms such as Phood and Spoiler Alert, as well as food rescue organizations like Food for Free and Lovin' Spoonfuls that redistribute edible surplus food to local soup kitchens and other recipients.



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