



Corporate Cafeterias

You can use this fill-in threshold estimation guide to identify if your facility may be subject to the Commercial Food Waste Disposal Ban. If you have any questions, please contact RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts by email (info@recyclingworksma.com) or by calling 1-888-254-5525.

	Average	Measurement	Material
Meals Served ¹	0.625	lbs/meal	Food Waste

	# of Meals Served Weekly	Average Food Waste Measurement	TOTAL Estimated Food Waste Disposed Weekly (lbs)
Meals Served ¹		× 0.625 lbs/meal	

If the “TOTAL Estimated Food Waste Disposed Weekly” in the final column is greater than 1,000 lbs, then your facility may be subject to the Commercial Food Waste Disposal Ban. If you do not have a food waste diversion program in place, contact RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts [by email](#) or by calling (888) 254-5525, or visit the [RecyclingWorks website](#) to learn how to begin a program today!

If you serve **1,600 meals** in one week, then:

$$0.625 \text{ lbs/meal} * 1,600 \text{ meals served/week} = 1,000 \text{ lbs/week} = 0.5 \text{ ton of food waste per week}$$

¹ 0.625 lbs/meal is the median of EPA Corporate Cafeterias average estimate (range 0.5-.075 lbs/meal).