

Fall WasteWise Forum

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Food Recovery Hierarchy

www.epa.gov/foodrecoverychallenge

Source Reduction

Reduce the volume of surplus food generated

Feed Hungry People

Donate extra food to food banks, soup kitchens and shelters

Feed Animals

Divert food scraps to animal feed

Industrial Uses

Provide waste oils for rendering and fuel conversion and food scraps for digestion to recover energy

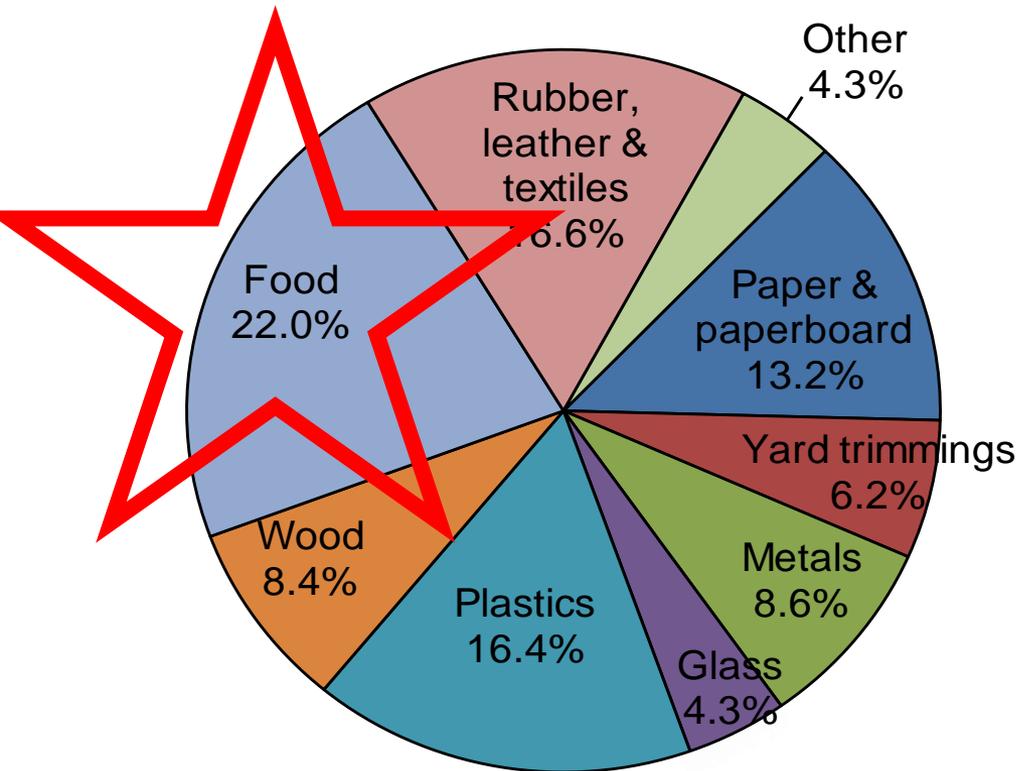
Composting

Create a nutrient-rich soil amendment

Landfill/ Incineration

Landfill or incineration
Last resort to disposal

MSW Combusted with Energy Recovery in 2017 (34 million tons)



Food Facts and Figures through 2017



Generation

- 40.7 million tons in 2017, up from 40.3 million tons in 2016

Composting

- 2.6 million tons, up from 2.2 million tons of food and other organic materials composted in 2016
- Composting rate of 6.3%, up from 5.3% in 2016
- The rate of food composting was 2.2% in the year 2000.



30-40% OF ALL AVAILABLE **FOOD** IN THE U.S. IS **WASTED**

Do your part. Join your federal partners
in reducing food waste.

#NoWastedFood



EPA FOOD RECOVERY CHALLENGE

MA Colleges and Universities

- Babson College
- Boston College
- Clark University
- College of the Holy Cross
- Harvard University
- Lesley University
- Northeastern University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Sodexo at Assumption College
- Sodexo at Brandeis University
- Sodexo at Framingham State University
- Sodexo at Merrimack College
- Sodexo at Nichols college
- Sodexo at University of Massachusetts Boston
- Salem State University
- Tufts University Medford Campus
- University of Massachusetts Amherst (Physical Plant)
- University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
- University of Massachusetts-Lowell
- Wellesley College
- Worcester State University

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MA Retail

- Big Y Foods, Inc.
- BJ's Wholesale Club
- Boston Organics
- Home Market Foods
- Signature Breads
- Whole Foods Market North Atlantic Region

2019
Award
Winner



MA Venues

- Gillette Stadium
- Lord Jeffery Inn
- TD Garden

Endorsers

- Center for EcoTechnology
- Food For Free
- Island Grown Initiative
- Lovin' Spoonfuls
- Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
- Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NEWMOA)
- Phood Solutions Inc.
- Raytheon Company & Eurest
- Skip Shapiro Enterprises, LLC
- Spoiler Alert
- Town of Wellesley Sustainable Energy Committee

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2019 Award Winner



MA K-12 Schools

- Andover Public Schools
- Katharine Lee Bates Elementary School
- Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School
- Island Grown Schools
- Martha's Vineyard Regional High School
- Island Grown Schools
- Oak Bluffs School - Island Grown Schools
- Tisbury School - Island Grown Schools
- West Tisbury School - Island Grown
Schools
- Westford Academy High School

MA Health Care

- Berkshire Health Systems, Berkshire
Medical Center
- Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
- Boston Medical Center
- Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
- Fairview Hospital, Berkshire Health
Systems

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National Framework for Advancing the U.S. Recycling System



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EPA Actions

- Implementing collaborative actions under the *National Framework to Advance the U.S. Recycling System*



- Developing a *National Recycling Strategy*

<https://www.epa.gov/americarecycles/national-recycling-strategy-and-framework-advancing-us-recycling-system>

- Developing national recycling goal(s) to be announced in November 2020

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America Recycles Day Virtual Summit and Innovation Fair

November 16-17, 2020



Register at <https://americarecycles.vfairs.com/>

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EPA Public Service Announcements about Recycling During COVID-19



Recycling During the Health Crisis



Don't Recycle PPE

Administrator message: <https://youtu.be/BcGonQ3rx3Y>

Recycling during the health crisis: https://youtu.be/_ADZ8vH-r4M

Don't recycle PPE: <https://youtu.be/S1cERI3lbeY>

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