



Recycling Related Websites



MassDEP Municipal Waste Reduction Toolkit

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1. City, state and national environmental and educational non-profit organizations offering recycling information:

ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND SOURCE REDUCTION BOARD

<http://www.conservatree.com/about/EPP.html>

Model Local Government Environmentally Preferable Product Purchasing & Source Reduction Policy

CALIFORNIA - INNOVATIONS ANALYSIS OF SUCCESSFUL LOCAL PROGRAMS

<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/LGLibrary/Innovations/default.htm>

Innovations Analysis of Successful Local Programs. This site displays the findings from a March 2000, video conference, "Innovations" to showcase successful recycling and waste reduction programs developed by local and regional jurisdictions to achieve California's 50 percent waste diversion goals.

CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/>

The Board promotes a Zero Waste California in partnership with local government, industry, and the public. This means managing the estimated 88 million tons of waste generated each year by reducing waste whenever possible, promoting the management of all materials to their highest and best use, regulating the handling, processing and disposal of solid waste, and protecting public health and safety and the environment.

CENTER FOR ECOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGY

<http://www.cetonline.org/>

CET has a number of free services available for towns, schools and community groups in rural areas of western Massachusetts. Some of the ways we can help include setting up recycling and helping institute waste reduction programs. The Center for Ecological Technology helps set up recycling services in communities (in businesses and in schools). For example, CET can help in setting up recycling at community events.

CHARITABLE RECYCLING

<http://www.charitablerecycling.com>

Charitable Recycling is a non-profit that provides cell phone recycling options.

CONNECTICUT RESOURCE RECOVERY AUTHORITY

<http://www.crra.org/>

The CRRA's website is a great example of another states efforts to promote best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of municipalities.

EARTH 911

<http://earth911.com>

Earth 911 provides local and national recycling and environmental resources for residents and businesses.

ECO-CYCLE

<http://www.ecocycle.org/>

Eco-Cycle is a non profit recycling organization looking to build zero-waste communities.

ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND

<http://www.environmentaldefense.org>

The Environmental Defense Fund links science, economics and law address solutions (one being recycling) to environmental problems such as climate change and, air pollution.

MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND BUSINESS REGULATION

http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=ocaterminal&L=4&L0=Home&L1=Consumer&L2=Privacy&L3=Junk+Mail&sid=Eoca&b=terminalcontent&f=stopping_junk_mail&csid=Eoca

This site provides information on stopping junk mail, telemarketer phone calls & email "Spam"

MASSRECYCLE

<http://www.massrecycle.org>

This site contains a comprehensive list of Massachusetts recycling FAQs and resources.

NATIONAL RECYCLING COALITION

<http://www.nrc-recycle.org/>

The NRC is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement and improvement of recycling, source reduction, composting, and reuse by providing technical information, education, training, outreach, and advocacy services to its members in order to conserve resources and benefit the environment.

NORTHEAST RECYCLING COUNCIL

<http://www.nerc.org/>

This site is host to the Environmental Benefits Calculator, a comprehensive tool that produces the environmental benefits of recycling and reuse for any state, region, county, town, institution, school and business

<http://www.nerc.org/documents/aboutcalc.html>.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/airwaste/wm/RECYCLE/Recycle.htm>

This site is full of recycling facts and resources to help residents, municipalities and businesses recycle more. Note the varying sections that describe how recycling saves natural resources, saves our environment, saves energy, and is good for business.

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA): PAY-AS-YOU-THROW

<http://www.epa.gov/payt/>

This site provides the U.S. EPA's facts, figures, research, and articles to help municipalities start up and promote a PAYT program.

WASTECAP

<http://www.wastecap.org/>

Recycling Services Directory and Markets Guide for Massachusetts

WASTEWISE

www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/reduce/wastewise.htm

WasteWise is a voluntary program - sponsored nationally by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and in Massachusetts by the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) - designed to help private and public organizations work toward reductions in solid waste and select non-hazardous industrial wastes.

2. Recycling Industry Organizations that provide recycling information for specific materials:

AMERICAN FOREST AND PAPER ASSOCIATION

<http://www.afandpa.org/>

The American Forest and Paper Association provides national statistics about paper recycling and paper consumption.

ASEPTIC PACKAGING COUNCIL

<http://www.aseptic.org/>

The APC provides communities with resources on how to recycle milk cartons and aseptic packages (commonly called drink boxes) in their recycling programs.

CONTAINER RECYCLING INSTITUTE

<http://www.container-recycling.org/>

This site has national recycling rates and packaging facts for aluminum cans, plastic bottles, glass bottles, and all containers.

GLASS PACKAGING INSTITUTE

<http://www.gpi.org/>

This site contains glass recycling FAQs, and statistics to help the municipality, and business recycle more glass.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ELECTRONICS RECYCLERS

www.iaer.org

This site contains electronics recycling reports, data, trends, directory allows you to search for organizations that are involved in electronics recycling.

PLASTIC LOOSE FILL COUNCIL

<http://www.loosefillpackaging.com/>

This site has a Peanut Hotline and other packaging peanut factoids to help you most efficiently recycle and reuse your packing peanuts.

PLASTICS RESOURCE

<http://www.plasticsresource.com/>

This site has the Recycled Plastic Products Directory to help private and public sector buyers identify products made with or packaged in recycled plastic.

STEEL RECYCLING INSTITUTE

<http://www.recycle-steel.org/>

This site has fact sheets on steel recycling rates, and buying recycled steel products. The site also has a national directory on locations where steel can be recycled.

THE ALUMINUM ASSOCIATION

<http://www.aluminum.org/>

This site has news, links and statistics about aluminum recycling in the U.S..

US COMPOSTING COUNCIL

<http://www.compostingcouncil.org/>

The USCC is dedicated to the development, expansion and promotion of the composting industry based upon science, principles of sustainability, and economic viability. This website provides composting resources, news and training opportunities.

3. Recycling Facts and Figures:

CARBONFUND.ORG

<http://www.carbonfund.org/>

At this site you can find a great carbon calculator along with a description of all of the calculator's assumptions - which are accurate assessment of carbon dioxide emissions emitted per energy type or use.

GLOSSARY OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT TERMS TRANSLATED FROM ENGLISH TO SPANISH

<http://www.borderwastewise.org/busassist/glossaryeng.html>

This site hosts an English/Spanish glossary of solid waste management terms.

RECYCLING FACTOIDS

<http://www.moab-solutions.org/RecyclingFactoids.html>

This site provides a page full of recycling factoids - national and international.

4. Donation and Reuse

Construction Materials

BUILDING MATERIALS RESOURCE CENTER, BOSTON

<http://www.bostonbmrc.org/bostonbmrc/index.html>

The Building Materials Resource Center accepts donations of good quality used and surplus building materials and sells them to the public at low prices.

RESTORE - HOME IMPROVEMENT CENTER: SURPLUS AND USED BUILDING MATERIALS AT BARGAIN PRICES

<http://www.restoreonline.org/>

The ReStore accepts donations of quality but unwanted home improvement materials and sells them to the public at low prices in a retail setting.

THE ReCONNstruction CENTER - A BUILDING MATERIALS RE-USE STORE

<http://www.reconstructioncenter.org/>

The ReCONstruction Center salvages unwanted, but perfectly good building materials, and resells them at affordable prices.

Electronics

COMPUTERS FOR SCHOOLS

<http://www.pcsforschools.org/>

Computer for Schools offers certified refurbished computers to schools and non-profits at about 1/3 of the cost of new.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

<http://www.goodwill.org/page/quest/about/howweoperate/donate>

Goodwill Industries has established an E-Waste Initiative to seek economically and environmentally sound ways to recycle and reuse donated electronic equipment.

NATIONAL CRISTINA FOUNDATION

<http://www.cristina.org/dsf/>

NCF accepts donated computers to give to people with disabilities and others at risk. NCF encourages corporations and individuals to donate surplus and used computers, software, peripherals and related business technology. NCF directs those donations to training and educational organizations.

Household Items

CRADLES TO CRAYONS

<http://www.cradlestocrayons.org/C2C/index.php>

This site accepts new and gently-used children's clothing, books, toys, baby items, and school supplies.

CRAIG'S LIST - (BOSTON/EASTERN MA)

<http://boston.craigslist.org/sss/>

On this site you can buy, sell, or give away a wide range of household goods in your own region for free.

FREECYCLE

<http://www.freecycle.org/>

This site hosts a nationwide free materials exchange (like ebay - but for for no fee!)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RESALE AND THRIFT SHOPS

<http://www.narts.org/>

This is a membership organization representing thrift shop owners. Their website includes a shopping guide.

THROWPLACE

<http://www.throwplace.com/>

At Throw place you can post and find items to reuse, recycle, and refurbish.

Other Donation & Reuse Links

CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD: REUSE LINKS

<http://www.ir-network.com/>

This site hosts a sampling of reuse opportunities in California and across the country.

INFORM COMMUNITY WASTE PREVENTION TOOL KIT

http://www.informinc.org/cwp_00.php

This site hosts a resource that helps community leaders and grassroots environmental organizations implement effective local solid waste prevention programs.

NEW YORK CITY WASTELESS

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycwasteless/>

This site provides a great example of a city promoting waste prevention, reuse, and recycling

NORTHEAST RECYCLING COUNCIL (NERC)

http://www.nerc.org/documents/material_exchanges_in_the_northeast.html

Here you can find a list of materials exchanges in the Northeast

REUSE DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (REDO)

<http://www.redo.org/>

REDO operates model reuse efforts that recover thousands of tons of building materials, equipment, furniture, food, and industrial materials.

WORLD REUSE, REPAIR & RECYCLING ASSOCIATION

<http://www.wr3a.org/>

WR3A supports legitimate reuse, repair, and recycling businesses overseas through U.S. suppliers who maintain high standards of quality

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) - LISTING OF MATERIALS EXCHANGES AROSS THE COUNTRY

<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/recycle/jtr/comm/exchstat.htm>

This website provides information on markets for buying and selling reusable and recyclable commodities.

5. Green Living

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS RECYCLING ASSOCIATION

<http://www.cdrecycling.org/>

This site provides support and representation to the construction materials recycling industry.

ELECTRONIC PRODUCT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TOOL

<http://www.epeat.net/>

At this site you can evaluate, compare and buy computers and peripherals based on their environmental attributes.

ENVIRONMENTAL BUILDING NEWS: BUIDLINGGREEN.COM

<http://www.buildinggreen.com/>

This site provides information designed to help building-industry professionals and policy makers improve the environmental performance, and reduce the adverse impacts, of buildings.

Nova Scotia Allergy and Environmental Health Association: Guide to Less Toxic Products

<http://www.lesstoxicguide.ca/>

This site provides information about potential health risks of commonly used products, helps identify less toxic alternatives for personal care, household cleaning, baby care, and household pest control, and provides information to help you evaluate products not in this Guide in order to choose the safest ones for your needs.

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) DATABASE OF ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

<http://www.epa.gov/oppt/epp/index.htm>

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) is a federal-wide program that encourages and assists Executive agencies in the purchasing of environmentally preferable products and services.

U.S. EPA GREEN BUILDING PAGE

<http://www.epa.gov/greenbuilding/>

EPA's resource page on Green Building - The practice of creating healthier and more resource-efficient models of construction, renovation, operation, maintenance, and demolition

U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL

<http://www.usgbc.org/>

The U.S. Green Building Council provides information and support on promoting buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work.

WHOLE BUILDING DESIGN GUIDE

<http://www.wbdg.org/>

WBDG is a web-based portal providing government and industry practitioners with access to up-to-date information on a range of building-related guidance, criteria and technology from a 'whole buildings' perspective. Currently organized into Design Guidance, Project Management and Operations & Maintenance, and also Resource Pages.

6. Mercury

IMERC MERCURY-ADDED PRODUCTS DATABASE

<http://www.newmoa.org/prevention/mercury/imerc/notification/>

The IMERC Mercury-Added Products* Database presents information on the amount and purpose of mercury in consumer products.

INTEGRATED WASTE SERVICES ASSOCIATION (IWSA) - MERCURY INFORMATION FROM THE TRADE GROUP FOR THE MUNICIPAL WASTE COMBUSTOR INDUSTRY

<http://www.keepmercuryfromrising.org/>

This site outlines steps we can take to reduce mercury pollution

INTERSTATE MERCURY EDUCATION & REDUCTION CLEARINGHOUSE (IMERC)

<http://www.newmoa.org/prevention/mercury/imerc.cfm>

The Interstate Mercury Education and Reduction Clearinghouse (IMERC) provides: ongoing technical and programmatic assistance to states that have enacted mercury education and reduction legislation - a single point of contact for industry and the public for information on mercury-added products and member states' mercury education and reduction programs

MASSACHUSETTS MERCURY MANAGEMENT ACT

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/laws/seslaw06/si060190.htm>

At this site you can find the Massachusetts Mercury Management Act of 2006

NATIONAL VEHICLE MERCURY SWITCH REMOVAL PROGRAM (U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

<http://www.epa.gov/mercury/switchfs.htm>

This site hosts the EPA's August 2006 Fact Sheet on the National Vehicle Mercury Switch Recovery Program

NORTHEAST WASTE MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION - GUIDENCE FOR MERCURY MANAGEMENT IN SCHOOLS

<http://www.newmoa.org/prevention/mercury/schools/facts.cfm>

This site provides guidance to assist Massachusetts schools in identifying and removing mercury materials from their classrooms, laboratories and buildings.

NORTHEAST WASTE MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION (NeWMOA) MERCURY HOME PAGE

<http://www.newmoa.org/prevention/mercury/index.cfm>

This site is designed to help the NEWMOA and IMERC-Member states achieve their "virtual elimination" goal for mercury by focusing in particular on efforts to reduce or eliminate mercury from the waste stream

UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME: MERCURY

<http://www.chem.unep.ch/mercury/default.htm>

The UNEP mercury program raises awareness of the nature of mercury pollution problems, through regional awareness-raising workshops and assisting countries to identify, understand and implement actions to mitigate any mercury problems in their countries, and provide related information

7. Business Assistance

MASSACHUSETTS ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

<http://www.massecon.com/os.sitefinder.asp>

The Massachusetts Alliance for Economic Development is a private, non-profit partnership of business, industry leaders, and government dedicated to the economic growth of Massachusetts.

MASS DEVELOPMENT BOND FINANCING FOR WASTE RECOVERY COMPANIES

<http://www.massdevelopment.com/custom/wasterecovery.aspx>

Mass Development supports the Commonwealth's efforts to encourage recycling, source reduction, and reuse of solid waste by arranging and providing financing for environmental enterprises.

MINNESOTA OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE - HOW TO DEVELOP MARKETS FOR RECYCLED CONTENT PRODUCTS

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/oea/berc/develop.cfm>

This site provides assessment information to determine whether a business and its product are viable.

REDUCE YOUR WASTE . ORG

<http://www.reduceyourwaste.org/>

This site provides a free online tool to generate a customized profile of waste stream, explore waste reduction options and maximize recycling.

U.S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) WASTEWISE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CONTRACTING PAGE

<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/reduce/wstewise/wrr/rm.htm>

This site is to help organizations gain a firm grasp on the concept of Resource Management and negotiate their waste hauling contracts to focus on resource conservation.

U.S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) JOBS THROUGH RECYCLING - BUSINESS PLANNING GUIDE

<http://www.epa.gov/jtr/bizasst/bizplan.htm>

This site hosts 3 Business Planning Guides: General Business Planning, Recycling Business Planning, and Creating Recycling Markets

U.S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) - NEW ENGLAND REUSE BUSINESSES

<http://www.epa.gov/ne/assistance/reuse/index.html>

The site is intended to be used by businesses, institutions, and governments who deal with off-spec production or asset management, and others who are seeking or need to dispose of items that still may have "use." It contains listings for where to donate used goods or unwanted materials, and serves those in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

U.S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) - SOURCE REDUCTION AND REUSE PAGE

<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserv/rrr/reduce.htm>

This site contains source reduction and reuse facts and figures, benefits, and related links

U.S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) JOBS THROUGH RECYCLING

<http://www.epa.gov/jtr/>

This site brings together the economic development and recycling communities through grants, networking, and information sharing.

WHERE TO OBTAIN RECYCLING & COMPOSTING EQUIPMENT

http://www.p2pays.org/rbac/equipment_links.html

This site provides sources of new and used recycling equipment

8. Composting and Organics

MassDEP's Compost Assistance Site

www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/reduce/composti.htm

Information and materials on composting.

Cornell University's Composting Homepage

http://www.css.cornell.edu/compost/Composting_Homepage.html

Site contains resources for farm and commercial composting, school composting and research projects.

State of Florida's Composting Site

www.compostinfo.com

Interactive composting site.

CAPE COD WORM FARM

<http://www.capecodwormfarm.com/>

Website that sells worms

FLOWERFIELD ENTERPRISES

<http://www.wormwoman.com/acatalog/index.html>

Website that sells worms

9. Construction and Demolition Debris

CALCULATING c&d RECYCLING COSTS - KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

<http://www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/construction-recycling/calculate.asp>

Construction Recycling Program created a tool to help construction and demolition contracts calculate recycling costs.

CARPET AMERICA RECOVERY EFFORT

<http://www.carpetrecovery.org/>

This organization develops market-based solutions for the recycling & reuse of post-consumer carpet

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY

<http://www.mass.gov/dos/asbestos/>

This site contains information on asbestos management

10. Other Recycling

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

<http://www.americarecyclesday.org/>

This site provides information on developments regarding America Recycles Day at the local and national level.

MASSACHUSETTS FOOD ASSOCIATION

<http://www.mafood.com/>

This site provides resources on the voluntary recycling incentive program for the Supermarket Industry - the Supermarket Recycling Certification Program.

BOTTLE BILL RESOURCE GUIDE

<http://www.bottlebill.org>

This is a resource guide provided by CSI - the Container Recycling Institute

11. Climate Change

MASS CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK (MCAN)

<http://www.massclimateaction.org>

The MCAN Network is composed of local and statewide groups that have joined together in a cooperative effort. The groups' efforts are principally devoted to conducting public education and influencing municipal governments in their home communities, to achieve local reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

CLEAN AIR COOL PLANET

<http://www.cleanair-coolplanet.org>

Clean Air-Cool Planet creates partnerships in the Northeast to implement solutions to climate change and build constituencies for effective climate policies and actions.

ICLEI

<http://www.iclei.org/>

ICLEI is a democratic, international association of local governments and national and regional local government organizations that have made a commitment to sustainable development. As a movement, ICLEI develops and runs a broad range of campaigns and programs that address local sustainability issues while protecting global common goods (such as air quality, climate, water), and link local action to internationally agreed goals and targets.