



Massachusetts
Department
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Source Reduction Information

Web Resources

Source reduction is any action undertaken by an individual, manufacturer, business, or other organization to eliminate or reduce the amount or toxicity of materials consumed before these materials enter the municipal solid waste stream. This action is intended to conserve resources, promote efficiency, and reduce pollution.¹

The following federal, state, municipal, and regional government entities and non-profit organizations provide a range of information and guidance on source reduction. Consult the organization for topical information and additional links to other resources.

State & Federal Government Resources

Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/topics/preventing-waste-and-pollution/waste-reduction/source-reduction-now.html>

- Guidance on office paper reduction and tips on environmentally preferable products
- Topics covered: Consumer Issues, Organics, and Hazardous Household Products

Massachusetts Pesticide Bureau

<http://www.mass.gov/agr/pesticides/index.htm>

<http://www.mass.gov/agr/pesticides/publications/index.htm>

- Integrated Pest Management (IPM) resources
- Topics covered: IPM in State Facilities, Schools, and Agriculture

Waste Reduction Resource Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Regions III & IV

<http://wrrc.p2pays.org>

- The resource center provides pollution prevention information to states within two EPA regions
- Topics covered: Industrial Pollution Prevention, Organics

WasteWi\$e Program

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

- U.S. EPA program provides information and assistance to businesses and government agencies to implement waste prevention programs
- Topics covered: Industry, Business, and State and Municipal Operations

U.S. EPA

<http://www.epa.gov/wastes/conserve/rrr/pubs/r99034.pdf>

- List of source reduction documents available online
- Topics covered: Business, Municipal, and Consumer Issues

¹ California Integrated Waste Management Board, "Waste Prevention Terms and Definitions." Accessed April 2002 at: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/WPW/Define.htm>

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U.S. General Services Administration
<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/105187>
Commercial Cleaning Supplies Catalog

- Contains a section on biodegradable cleaners and degreasers. Evaluation information on health and safety attributes. Call (800) 241-7246
- Topics covered: Federal Government Green Procurement

Municipal Resources

Alameda County, California, Source Reduction & Recycling Board
<http://www.stopwaste.org>

- Extensive information for municipal government programs focused on source reduction of solid waste
- Topics covered: Municipal and Business Programs

King County, Washington
<http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/index.asp>

- Information for residents and businesses. Wide range of resources applicable to other municipal governments
- Topics covered: Municipal and Consumer Programs

Kitsap County, Washington
<http://www.kitsapgov.com/sw/wastewise.htm>

- Lists county wide waste reduction goals for various municipal departments.
- Topics covered: WasteWise Kitsap (a U.S. EPA WasteWise Partner), municipal operations including an in-house materials exchange, and use of environmentally preferable products (EPPs).

Non-Profit Resources

Building Materials Resource Center
<http://www.bostonbmrc.org>

- BMRC accepts donations of quality used and surplus building materials for resale to low and middle-income residents in the Boston metropolitan area
- Topics covered: Building Materials Reuse For Consumers and Contractors

ReDo - Reuse Development Organization
<http://www.redo.org/>

- National organization develops programs and provides education and training on reuse
- Topics covered: Consumer goods, Building materials, Industrial by-products, Food

ReStore
www.restoreonline.org

- ReStore accepts donations of quality used and surplus building materials for resale in the Springfield, MA region.
- Topics covered: Building Materials Reuse For Consumers and Contractors

Center for a New American Dream
<http://www.newdream.org/>

- National organization provides information to build awareness for source reduction
- Topics covered: Consumer Focused Programs and Advocacy, Green Procurement

Alliance for Environmental Innovation
<http://www.environmentaldefense.org/Alliance/>

- Project of the Environmental Defense organization. Works with businesses nationwide to implement source reduction and recycling strategies.
- Topics covered: Green Procurement, Design for Recycling, and Business Partnerships

Massachusetts Materials Trader
<http://www.massmaterialtrader.com>

- The Massachusetts Material Trader works with businesses and individuals predominantly in the southern New England area to facilitate online **exchanges** of goods and post-consumer materials.
- Topics covered: Building Materials, Industrial Equipment, and Consumer Goods

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