
What's New with RDP? Updates for Spring 2024

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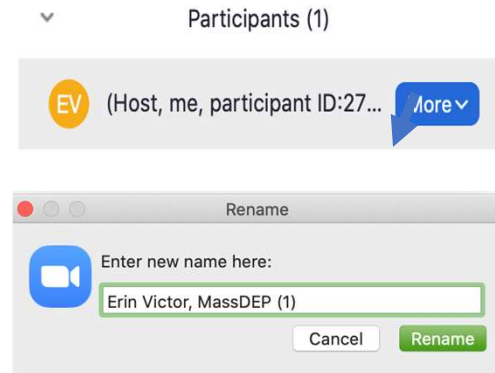
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Zoom Tips & Tricks

Evolution of the Recycling Dividends Program (RDP)

- Purpose of RDP is to incentivize municipalities to implement best practices for waste reduction, reuse, and recycling.
- Demonstrate the effectiveness of our grants for achieving waste reduction goals. Adjust over time.
- RDP investment – more than \$7 Million in RDP funds unspent.
- Annual RDP Budget \$3 Million.

A Brief Look at Spring 24 RDP

What's (Mostly) Staying the Same?

- Eligibility Requirements
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
- HHW Criteria
- Organics (Food Waste)
- Recycling Center Access
- Reuse Programs
- Solid Waste Reduction
- Textile Recovery
- Waste Prevention Outreach & Education

Which Criteria Are Changing?

- Bulky Item Collection
- Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHARM)
- Curbside Recycling Regulations
- Yard Waste

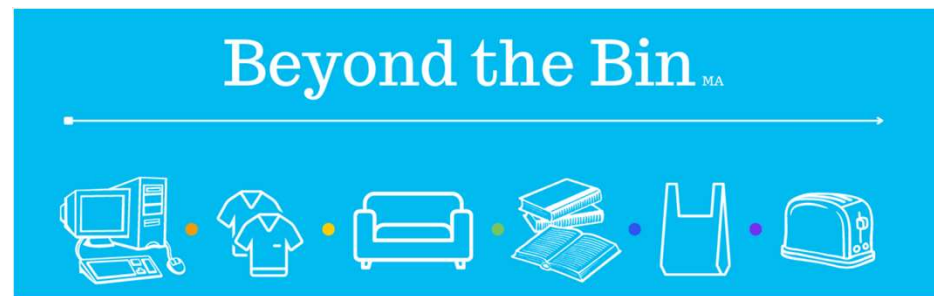
Bulky Items – Reduce Options & Points

- Many municipalities in MA are charging fees to collect bulky items from residents (at least 69%).
- Progress in this criteria has remained stagnant over the past several years.
- Few municipalities have claimed the option for 4 free items per year (<1%).
- In 2023, the funds attributed to RDP points for bulky collection was \$373K.

Bulky Items = upholstered furniture, wood furniture, toilets, sinks, & carpet.

CHARM – Adjust Guidelines

- Still required to collect 8 items. Mattresses valued the same as other items in this category.
- In order to get credit, municipality MUST list their site on [Beyond the Bin](#).
- Charm location can be spread out throughout the municipality.
- More changes expected in 2025.



Curbside Recycling Regulations – Adjust Guidelines

- Options related to the “ADOPTION” of private hauler regulations are combined, for 1 point. To qualify, munis must:
 - Require bundled service and pricing for residential generators
 - Require bundled service for commercial generators
 - Require recycling of all generators (i.e., have a mandatory recycling reg.)
- Enforcement of private hauler regs is consistent, at 3 points.
- Other changes coming in Spring25 – more focus on enforcement.

Yard Waste – Remove Criteria

- Yard waste have been a waste ban material for 32+ years.
- Most municipalities in MA have programs to collect yard waste from their residents (at least 70%).
- Municipalities can implement whatever program works best for them.
- In 2023, the funds attributed to RDP points for yard waste was \$455K.



Timeline

- The following Grant Prerequisites are Due on February 15, 2024:
 - Annual Notification of Buy Recycled Policy
 - Recycling & Solid Waste Surveys (2022 and 2023 calendar years)
 - RDP Spending Report
- Grant Applications will be released via ReTRAC in April 2024
 - Annual webinar for RDP and all other SMRP grants TBD
- Application period extends through mid-June 2024
- MassDEP evaluates applications over the summer
- Awards announced Fall 2024

Supporting Materials

Spring 2024 RDP Grant Details Document:

www.mass.gov/doc/details-recycling-dividends-program/download

Spring 2024 RDP Worksheet:

www.mass.gov/doc/rdp-worksheet/download

RDP Webpage:

www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-smrp-recycling-dividends-program-funds

What About Spring 25 RDP?

- Increase the \$\$\$ value of points for the smallest municipalities – Population 0-4,999
- Require RDP award funding to be placed in a dedicated account
- CHaRM – mercury collection required to earn points in this section
- Curbside Recycling Regs – focus on enforcement after 3 yrs.
- Organics – expand options
- Solid Waste – revamp section
- Textile Recovery – remove; permanent collection bin or curbside collection required
- Waste Prevention Ed & Outreach – links to RSMA, BtB, & Recyclopedia widget required
- Expect to Release Grant Details in June 2024 (after the Spring 24 Cycle)

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