

About the Springfield MRF

The Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) has been in operation since 1990. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) owns the land and buildings, but operational responsibilities are contracted out to Waste Management Recycle America (WMRA), a subsidiary of Waste Management Inc. The current operating contract commenced in April 2005 and expires in June 2015. Seventy-eight (78) municipalities from the four counties of western Massachusetts have signed contracts to deliver their recyclables to the MRF.

The MRF is a processing facility that sorts and bales paper, glass, plastic and metal containers before selling them to industries which use the recyclables as feedstock in their manufacturing process. Currently, the MRF serves a population just under 1 million people. The MRF processes approximately 200 tons of recyclables per day and 45,000 tons per year. Since its inception in 1990, over 1 billion pounds of western Massachusetts's recyclables have been processed at the MRF.