

# ECO BYTES



April 2017

## UPDATES FROM CET

Happy Earth Month!

Climate change is one of the most pressing problems we face today. As changing federal policies affect the national response to climate change, our work with you at the local level has never been more urgent.

Here are 5 ways you can continue to make positive green changes in your life, and celebrate Earth Day with us:

**1- Make a [tax-deductible gift](#) to CET:** One hundred percent of your generous tax-deductible contribution supports our EcoFellowship and community outreach and education efforts. Your donation ensures that we can continue being a resource for you and our community as we tackle climate change together.

- **\$1,000 helps fund** one awesome EcoFellow for a month.
- **\$500 helps us sign-up** 75 residents for clean local energy on their power bill to reduce dependence on fossil fuels.
- **\$250 lets us connect** 20 homeowners with the expertise and resources they need to make their homes energy efficient.
- **\$100 helps us persuade** 10 building contractors to donate quality salvaged building materials to EcoBuilding Bargains.
- **\$50 helps us develop** one recycling lesson plan for third to fifth graders.

**2. Green your energy bill:** [Sign up](#) for New England Green Start or New England Wind today!

**3- Start composting:** You can purchase a [kitchen compost bin](#) and [backyard solar composter](#) from [EcoBuilding Bargains](#). Then attend our [Lee Library Composting Workshop](#) on May 4, 2017 to learn more!

**4- Deconstruct, Donate, and Shop at EcoBuilding Bargains:** Springtime means out with the old and in with the new! [Contact us](#) to help you deconstruct and donate your old items, or shop for new items at [EcoBuilding Bargains](#)!

**5- Start your legacy gift:** A [legacy gift](#) will help the next generation of environmental leaders tackle climate change and ensure the health of our community for years to come.



At CET, we help our community go green together! How will you go green this Earth Day?

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## Go Green News

Last month we asked, "How interested are you in renewable energy on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being 'Not At All' and 10 being 'Very Much'?"

We are pleased to report that 74% of respondents answered 10, indicating that the majority of our respondents are very interested in [renewable energy](#)!

Check back in May for our next poll question.



### DIY WALL PLANTER

[Learn how](#) to upcycle a cabinet door into this beautiful hanging wall planter! You can use it for holding flowers or herbs around your home.



### TRICKY TRASH

It can be challenging to know [what to recycle and what to throw away](#), but we are here to help make sure you know what goes where!



### DECONSTRUCTION

[Find out more](#) about how you can give your building materials a new life through deconstruction and donation, rather than demolition.



### HARVEST NEW ENGLAND

[Check out our experience](#) at the [Harvest New England](#) Agricultural Marketing Conference and Trade Show in Sturbridge, MA.



### USING FOOD

Americans throw out approximately 20% of the food they buy. Make sure you know [all ways you can use food](#) items past their prime!



### CREATIVE REUSE

There are so many ways to reuse the pieces of an old cabinet set! [For example](#), converting this drawer front into an entryway organizer.

**Go Green Tip**

# MAKE YOUR EARTH DAY DONATION TODAY!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sat, April 8, 2017  
7:45 am - 2:15 pm

[13th Annual Berkshire Garden Symposium](#)  
*Lenox Memorial Middle & High School, Lenox Massachusetts*

Sat, April 22, 2017  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

[Amherst Sustainability Festival](#)  
*Amherst Town Common, Amherst*

Sun, April 23, 2017  
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

[Springfield Museum Earth Day Event](#)  
*Springfield Museum, Springfield MA*

Thu, April 27, 2017  
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

[MassDEP Solid Waste Advisory Committee \(SWAC\) Meeting](#)  
*MassDEP Boston, Boston MA*

Wed, May 3, 2017  
8:30 am - 1:30 pm

[Green Your Bottom Line in Food and Beverage Businesses](#)  
*Gorton's Seafood Headquarters, Gloucester MA*

Thu, May 4, 2017  
8:30 am - 11:00 am

[Massachusetts Energy Code Changes Training](#)  
*EcoBuilding Bargains, Springfield MA*

Thu, May 4, 2017  
5:30 pm - 7:15 pm

[Lee Library Composting Workshop](#)  
*Lee Library, Lee Massachusetts*

Sat, May 6, 2017  
8:30 am - 11:00 am

[Hazardous Waste Mini-Site Collection](#)  
*Great Barrington Recycling Center, Great Barrington MA*

Tue, May 9, 2017  
8:30 am - 12:00 pm

[WasteWise 2017 Spring Forum](#)  
*Gillette Stadium, Foxboro MA*

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