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UPDATES FROM CET

We are excited to welcome our 2017-2018 Fellows! We're thrilled to have Avery, Jorge, Morgan, Shelby, and Willow with us in the office, and we can't wait for you to meet them too! Stay tuned to learn more about them and what they're working on!

It's back to school season! Have you heard of [THE GREEN TEAM](#)? Funded by MassDEP, this free program for K-12 schools empowers students and teachers to help the environment. Schools can receive free lesson plans, idling reduction signs, recycling and composting equipment, and more! [Registration for the 2017-2018 year](#) is now open!

We were honored and humbled to be named a Food System Champion by the MA Food System Collaborative. We've been working on reducing wasted food and saving energy throughout the food system for years, and it's only with the help of our partners that we are able to make measurable impact every day.



Welcome to our 2017-2018 Fellows! We're excited to have these Fellows join our team and lend their considerable talents and energy to helping us save energy and reduce waste across the region!

Left to right: Jorge, Shelby, Morgan, Willow, and Avery.

TOGETHER WE MAKE GREEN MAKE SENSE:

Last month we asked, with 1 being "not at all" and 10 being "I love solar hot water!", how familiar are you with solar water heating?

45% of respondents answered 8, 9, or 10, indicating strong knowledge of solar water heating. For more information about using the sun to heat your water, check out [our article on the topic](#).

This month we want to know... with 1 being "never" and 10 being "Always!", how often does your leftover food get eaten instead of thrown away?

lowest [1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [4](#) [5](#) [6](#) [7](#) [8](#) [9](#) [10](#) **highest**

Check back next month for the results!

Best of Our Blog



GREEN TEAM

GREEN TEAM registration for the 2017-2018 school year is now open! [Learn more](#) about this free program for K-12 schools and [register!](#)



FOOD WASTE T&F

Food waste is a complicated issue. How much do you know about reducing wasted food in your life? [Read our True & False article](#) to see!



WASTE NOT, WANT NOT

A recent study found America wastes ~1,200 calories worth of food per American per day! [Check out our tips](#) to reduce food waste in your home!



NEFEC GATHERING

The New England Farm Energy Collaborative recently held their summer meeting and toured local farms. [Get an inside look](#) at their day!



REUSE CRAFTS AT HSV

We recently visited Hancock Shaker Village for a day of reuse and upcycled crafting! [Learn more](#) and find out when we'll be back!



BACK TO SCHOOL

Heading back to college? Get this semester off to a great start with [our tips](#) to help you reduce waste and save energy and money!

Green Tip of the Month



Before purchasing new pens, binders, and notebooks for school, check at home for old or unused ones. You may not need new supplies!

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