

# ECO BYTES



January 2017

## UPDATES FROM CET

Happy 2017! We are looking forward to another year of helping people and businesses save energy and reduce waste.

We are currently recruiting the EcoFellowship Class of 2017-2018! [The EcoFellowship Program](#) is a one-year paid fellowship position for five recent college graduates to work with the Center for EcoTechnology staff and other Fellows to carry out community outreach, marketing campaigns, green business services, and other activities across our programs serving Massachusetts and beyond. Attend our [info session](#) at [Make-It Springfield](#) on January 31 at 6pm to learn more, or [apply today!](#)

Funding from the [United States Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#) was recently awarded to support the work of the [Mass Farm Energy Program](#). The USDA has awarded a \$33,000 Rural Business Development Grant to the Center for EcoTechnology, who partners with [MDAR](#) to manage the MFEP. The grant will allow us to provide timely information, funding request assistance, and technical assistance to rural farms that wish to improve their energy efficiency and reduce operating costs.



Allison Wyman is our newest [Reuse Rockstar!](#)

She and her family found great items at [EcoBuilding Bargains](#) to re-design their bathroom.

## Go Green News

In our last EcoBytes we asked, "On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being 'Definitely Not' and 10 being 'Definitely Will', how likely are you to eat with reusable utensils and/or plates at your Thanksgiving meal?" We are thrilled to report that 88% of respondents answered 10, indicating that they definitely used reusable utensils and/or plates at during their Thanksgiving meal this year!

This month we want to know...on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being "Need to Learn More" and 10 being "Very Knowledgeable", how much do you feel you know about home weatherization?

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

Sorry, voting is closed.

Check back next month for the results!



### FEDERAL FARM FUNDING

We are [excited to announce](#) new federal funding from [USDA](#) to support the [Mass. Farm Energy Program](#), which will help farms save energy and reduce operating costs.



### 40TH CELEBRATION

We have helped people and businesses save energy and reduce waste for 40 years. Our recent [40th Anniversary staff celebration](#) was a huge success!



### FOOD WASTE INITIATIVE

The MA Department of Environmental Protection [released a new report](#) highlighting the [positive economic benefits of reducing food waste](#).



### CET FOUNDER VISIT

We had the pleasure of [meeting with our CET founder](#), Joel Nisson, to discuss how CET has developed and evolved since it was founded in 1976.



### MDAR GRANTS

[Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources](#) awarded [28 grants](#) to help farmers install renewable energy and energy efficiency projects!



### DRIVE GREEN

Have you been considering buying an electric vehicle?

Check out the [Drive Green](#) program through [Mass Energy](#) for discounted rates at participating dealers!

**Go Green Tip**



**Buy from local and environmentally conscious businesses! This will support your community and reduce carbon emissions that are caused by cross-country shipping.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

[Amherst Winter Farmers Market](#)

Sat, January 28, 2017

170 Chestnut Street - Amherst

[Mass. Energy Code Changes Training Session](#)

Wed, February 1, 2017

83 Warwick St. - Springfield

[UMass Amherst EcoFellow Recruitment](#)

Thu, February 2, 2017

181 Presidents Dr - Amherst

[Brandeis Employer Spotlight](#)

Thu, February 9, 2017  
415 South Street - Waltham

Williams College Log Lunch  
Fri, February 10, 2017  
78 Spring Street - Williamstown

Amherst Winter Farmers Market  
Sat, February 18, 2017  
170 Chestnut Street - Amherst

Harvest New England Ag Conference and Trade Show  
Tue, March 7, 2017  
366 Main Street - Sturbridge

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