

ECO BYTES



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UPDATES FROM CET

As we head into the dog days of summer, the temperature is rising, and your utility bills might rise with it if you're not careful! Fortunately, we have [some great tips](#) to help you keep cool and save energy this summer!

Last month, we bid a [fond farewell to our EcoFellowship Class of 2017](#). They made a substantial impact on our work while they were with us, and we'll truly miss Aliza, Chiara, Katie, Lexie, and Matt. We can't wait to see what their next adventures entail!

Have you visited [EcoBuilding Bargains](#) lately? It's the perfect time of year to tackle that summer project - plus, [by shopping with EcoBuilding Bargains](#), you help us in our mission to reduce waste. EcoBuilding Bargains is able to divert over 400 tons of material from the landfills every year!

Our friends at [Mass Energy](#) are hosting their [7th annual Clean Energy Festival](#) on Sunday, July 23 at Berkshire East Mountain Resort! We'll be there, and there will be tours of a wind turbine and solar array, mountain coaster rides, lunch, and discounted ziplining! Tickets are just \$10 (kids under 8 are free), and you can get them [here](#). See you there!



Em and Fitzpatrick Withenbury, owners of Northampton's [Iconica Social Club](#), found many of the building materials for their renovation at [EcoBuilding Bargains](#).

TOGETHER WE MAKE GREEN MAKE SENSE:

Last month we asked, how likely are you to take efforts to limit the amount of waste produced by your summer parties, on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being "highly unlikely" and 10 being "highly likely?" We're thrilled to report that nearly 94% of respondents answered 8, 9, or 10, indicating a strong desire to reduce waste at summer parties!

Here are our favorite tips on reducing waste at a party:

1. Use reusable plates, cups, and flatware instead of disposable versions.
2. Use large bottles, jugs, and pitchers instead of single-serving cans and bottles.
3. Send leftovers home with guests or eat them yourself, but don't throw them out!

This month we want to know... with 1 being "not at all" and 10 being "I love solar hot water!", how familiar are you with solar water heating?

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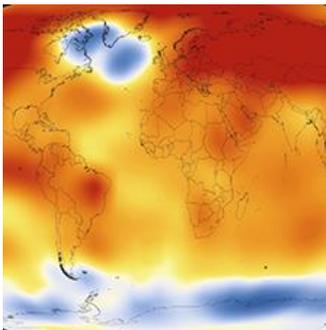
Check back next month for the results!

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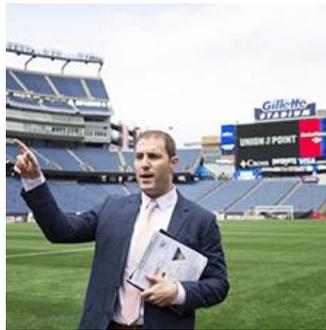
GOODBYE FELLOWS

In June, we said goodbye to our 2017 EcoFellows. [Learn about what they've achieved at CET.](#) We can't wait to see what they do next!



CLIMATE QUIZ

Think you know about your carbon footprint? Take [this quiz from the New York](#)



WASTEWISE FORUM

RecyclingWorks in MA hosted its WasteWise Spring Forum at Gillette Stadium. [Learn about the forum](#) and wasted food solutions across MA!



FOOD DEPACKAGING

Packaged but spoiled food is often sent to landfills. Read about [one hauler's approach](#) to separating food from packaging for diversion!



ICONICA

The new Iconica Social Club [used a bevy of materials](#) found at [EcoBuilding](#)



SPEAKER FORUM RECAP

Our first annual speaker forum focused on locally-relevant environmental issues

[Times](#) to see how much you know about climate change.

[Bargains](#) to complete their renovation.

and practical solutions. [Catch up with our recap!](#)

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