

ECO BYTES



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UPDATES FROM CET

Even as Washington, D.C. steps back from dealing with climate change, the Center for EcoTechnology and its partners are forging ahead to help people and businesses take actions to remove carbon emissions from our environment.

Our work to curb the impact of climate change has never been more urgent. Over the past 3 years, we have helped more than 80,000 people take actions that reduced carbon emissions equal to removing 104,000 cars from the road. But we still have so much more work to do.

We need your support to reach and help more people take green actions in their lives. Each year, our outreach team engages thousands of people – at community events, in businesses, at schools, and in homes. With your generous support, we can reach many more. [Please donate today](#) to support our community outreach and education program.

There are also several other green actions you can take:

1. Green up your power bill with [New England GreenStart and New England Wind](#) through Mass Energy Consumers Alliance. More than 1,000 people in Western Massachusetts have opted to power their homes (and electric vehicles) from renewable energy sources through their power bills. Every 1,500 New England GreenStart and New England Wind members equals approximately the renewable energy generated by one new wind turbine. Do your part and [sign up today!](#)
2. Reduce your energy consumption by getting a no-cost [Mass Save®](#) home energy assessment to identify how you can make your home more energy efficient and lower your power bill!

3. Don't throw building materials or unwanted furniture away – donate your items to [EcoBuilding Bargains](#) and give them a second life. Or be a sustainable shopper and buy perfectly good reused items from our large inventory at EcoBuilding Bargains.

4. Support our work to curb climate change by [donating today!](#)

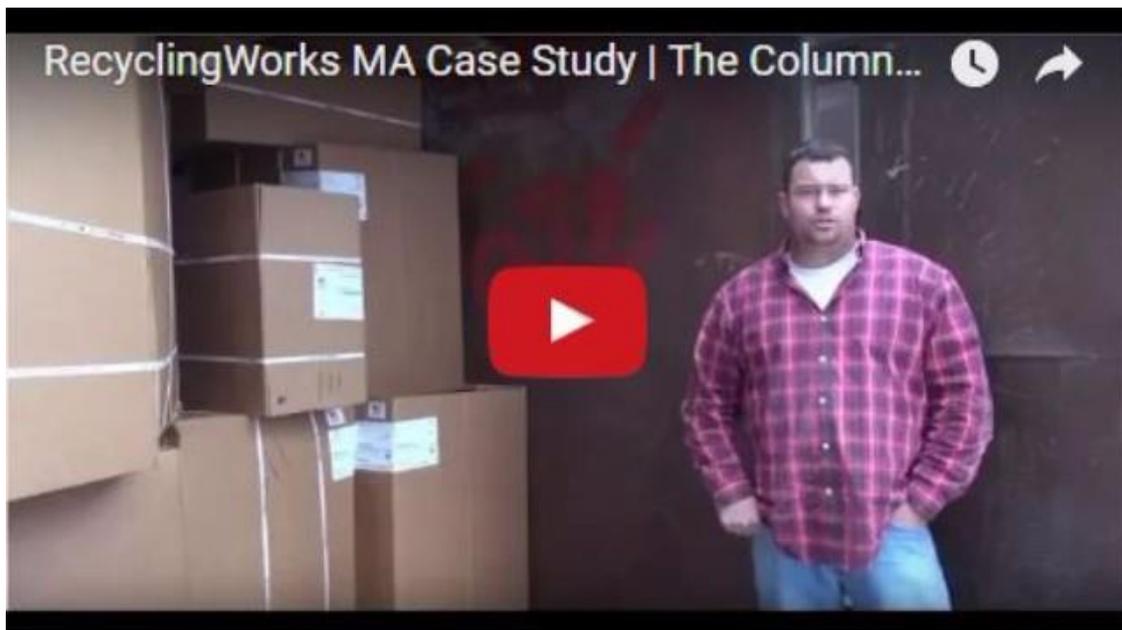
5. Attend our [Speaker Forum - What Can You do about Climate Change](#) – this Saturday! See details below.

[CET Speaker Forum: What Can You Do About Climate Change?](#)

June 10, 1:00-4:00pm at the Hitchcock Center for the Environment in Amherst, MA

The Speaker Forum will feature local environmental leaders Ezra Markowitz, Nancy Nylen, and Solomon Goldstein-Rose. These speakers will discuss innovative and tangible solutions to the various challenges associated with climate change through psychological, political and community-based strategies. This event aims to bring people together to talk about climate change and what people can do about it in their daily lives. Please [click here to register](#).

Lastly, many of you have met our [EcoFellows](#) at events around the region. At the end of this month, we will wish them farewell as they graduate from CET's EcoFellowship program and launch their environmental careers. We thank Aliza, Chiara, Katie, Lexie and Matt for their amazing work and look forward to seeing the positive difference they make in our world!



The Center for EcoTechnology administers the [RecyclingWorks MA](#) program for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

POLL QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

Last month we asked "How likely are you to buy an electric vehicle on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being 'Highly Unlikely' and 10 being 'Highly Likely'?" Our results were mixed, meaning that many of our readers seem unsure about buying an electric vehicle. However, with the [Drive Green](#) program it has never been more affordable!

This month we want to know...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."

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

Sorry, voting is closed.

Check back next month for the results!

Go Green News



CREATIVE REUSE

We turned this old pastel pink sink into a beautiful garden planter in just a four simple



ZERO WASTE EVENTS

[Learn how](#) you can plan a zero waste event! From planning the party to cleaning



ECOBUILDING BBQ

We had a wonderful time hosting our second annual [EcoBuilding BBQ](#). Everyone enjoyed

steps and only a few materials. [Find out how!](#)



LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Center for EcoTechnology was thrilled to present Peter Hofman with the [Award for Community Environmental Leadership](#).

up afterward, there are many ways to reduce waste.



VERMICOMPOSTING

Did you know that you don't need space outside to compost your food waste? [Find out how](#) you can compost inside using worms!

celebrating spring and reuse together!



BUILDING HIGHLIGHT

CET's building scientist, Mark Newey, has been working with Valley CDC on the [redevelopment of the former Northampton lumber yard](#).

Go Green Tip



Having a summer party? Avoid waste from single-use containers by serving drinks in pitchers!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Sat, June 10, 2017
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm | <u>Speaker Forum: What Can You Do About Climate Change?</u>
<i>Hitchcock Center for the Environment, Amherst, MA</i> |
| Thu, June 22, 2017
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm | <u>Recycling For Kids!</u>
<i>Mason Square Branch Springfield City Library, Springfield, MA</i> |
| Sat, June 24, 2017
11:00 am - 1:00 pm | <u>Summer Reading Program Kick Off</u>
<i>Mason Square Branch Springfield City Library, Springfield, MA</i> |
| Wed, June 28, 2017
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm | <u>Hazardous Waste Mini-Site Collection</u>
<i>Great Barrington Recycling Center, Great Barrington, MA</i> |

Sat, July 22, 2017 [Household Hazardous Waste Collection](#)
9:00 am - 12:00 pm *Stockbridge Wastewater Treatment Plant, Stockbridge, MA*

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