

# ECO BYTES



May 2017

## UPDATES FROM CET

It's finally springtime, which means out with the old and in with the new! At [EcoBuilding Bargains](#) we can help you [deconstruct and donate](#) your unwanted items and [find the perfect replacement](#) to freshen up your home!

We have lots of fun events coming up for you to attend all over Western Massachusetts:

[Drive Green Information Session](#)

*May 7, 3:00-4:30pm at Williamstown Youth Center in Williamstown, MA*

Green your ride and your electric bill with [Drive Green](#), a limited-time opportunity to buy or lease a brand new Electric Vehicle at a deeply discounted price. CET staff will be on hand to describe these exciting programs that can help you dramatically reduce your consumption of fossil fuels. Electric vehicle owners will display their vehicles and answer your questions at this event.

[EcoBuilding BBQ](#)

*May 20, 12:00-2:30pm at EcoBuilding Bargains in Springfield, MA*

Celebrate spring, going green and reuse at our second annual [EcoBuilding Barbeque!](#) This spring kick-off event will feature free food, composting and reuse workshops, children's activities, and discounts for EcoBuilding Bargains customers!

[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*

This new event will feature three experts from our community, Ezra Markowitz, Nancy Nysten, and Solomon Goldstein-Rose, who will speak on locally relevant environmental issues. The speakers will discuss innovative and practical solutions to various challenges associated with climate change through psychological, political, and community-based strategies. This event is free and open to the public! Please [click here to register](#).

Thank you for your generous Earth Day and Valley Gives donations! Your contributions directly support our work to help people and businesses in our community save energy and reduce waste!



See the incredible energy-efficient changes that our High Performance Building team was able to make at the [Leyden Woods Affordable Housing Development](#).

**POLL QUESTION OF THE MONTH:**

This month we want to know...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"?

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



### VALLEY GIVES

Thank you for all your [Valley Gives donations!](#) Together we raised over \$3,000, which directly supports our community outreach and educational events.



### LEYDEN WOODS

[Find out more](#) about our High Performance Building team's recent work with the Leyden Woods Affordable Housing Development to ensure its [energy efficiency](#).



### SPRING CLEANING

[Learn more](#) about how you can green your spring cleaning! You can limit your impact on the environment and save money as you get your home ready for spring!



### MAKE THE SWITCH

There are [lots of great benefits](#) to signing up for New England GreenStart or New England Wind. [Make the](#)



### COMMERCIAL SERVICES

CET's High Performance Building team is expanding to offer a [multitude of commercial services](#)



### HOTEL FOOD REUSE

Instead of wasting leftover food, [a new pilot program](#) encourages hotels and their staff to redesign

[switch](#) to local renewable energy today!

ranging from plan reviews to inspections. [Contact us](#) today!

menus so that surplus food can be easily incorporated!

## Go Green Tip



**Save energy by turning off the fan when you leave a room! Fans cool people, not rooms, by creating a wind chill effect.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sun, May 7, 2017  
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

[Drive Green Information Session](#)  
*Williamstown Youth Center, Williamstown, MA*

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

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

Sat, May 13, 2017  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

[Northampton Plant and Garden Market](#)  
*Smith Vocational School, Northampton, MA*

Sat, May 13, 2017  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

[BEAT Spring Enviro Action Fair and Expo](#)  
*The Stationery Factory, Pittsfield, MA*

Sat, May 20, 2017  
12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

[EcoBuilding Barbeque](#)  
*EcoBuilding Bargains, Springfield, MA*

Sat, June 3, 2017  
8:30 am - 10:30 am

[Hazardous Waste Mini-Site Collection](#)  
*Lenox Dept of Public Works, Lenox, MA*

Sat, June 3, 2017  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

[WGBY Asparagus Festival](#)  
*Hadley Town Common, Hadley, MA*

Tue, June 6, 2017  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

[Forbes Library Awareness Fair](#)  
*Forbes Library, Northampton, MA*

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