

# ECO BYTES



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## UPDATES FROM CET

CET has partnered with the MassCEC to help businesses navigate solar hot water incentives. Does your business have year-round hot water use? Would you like to significantly reduce your hot water heating bill? If you answered yes, then call CET about the [Commonwealth Solar Hot Water Program](#)! We can provide your business with:

- Solar hot water installers to get your project done
- Information on grants and rebates to help cover costs
- Step by step guidance through the whole process

These systems can provide up to 80% of domestic hot water needs. Solar hot water systems reduce the usage of traditional water heating fuels, such as oil, electricity, or propane, saving consumers money on their energy bills. Incentives of up to \$100,000 are available for qualifying projects. For more information, click [here](#)! Contact us and get started today! 413.341.3865 or [solarhotwater@cetonline.org](mailto:solarhotwater@cetonline.org)

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CET will be at the [Massachusetts Environmental Education Society \(MEES\) 2018 Conference](#) on March 29th in Worcester. We will be promoting [THE GREEN TEAM](#)! THE GREEN TEAM is an interactive educational program funded by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection that empowers students and teachers to help the environment through waste reduction, recycling, composting, energy conservation, and pollution prevention. Participating classes receive certificates of recognition and are eligible to win awards. If you're interested in participating, [register](#)

[here](#) or come visit us at the conference!

As we head into Spring we hope you will visit us at community events! [Visit our events page](#) to see where we will be next!



CET worked with America's Food Basket and CERO Coop to create an effective composting program. CET helped establish this through the [RecyclingWorks MA](#) program. RecyclingWorks MA is a program administered by CET for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

### **TOGETHER WE MAKE GREEN MAKE SENSE:**

Last month we asked, with 1 being "Not Very Important" and 10 being "Extremely Important", how important is it to you to use reusable or paper bags when shopping?

Over 90% of respondents answered 8, 9 or 10, indicating that it is very or extremely important to

them to use reusable or paper bags when shopping. For creative ideas on how to reuse plastic and paper bags, click [here](#).

This month we want to know... with 1 being "10% or less" and 10 being "100%", roughly how much of your wasted food do you compost?

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

Check back next month for the results!

## Best of Our Blog



### LIBRARY OF THINGS

The [Library of Things](#) movement expands the work of established libraries by creating rental networks of tools, equipment, and more!



### LIGHTBULB HISTORY

Lewis Latimer, an engineer and inventor, helped invent the technology that advanced the lightbulb. Read more on his life and what he did [here!](#)



### LEYDEN WOODS

CET worked with The Community Builders to help them meet their energy efficiency goals while building [Leyden Woods](#).



### MFEP WEBINAR

The Massachusetts Farm Energy Program hosted a webinar on how to apply for various grant programs. Watch the full webinar [here!](#)

### SHERATON HOTEL

CET was able to help the Sheraton Hotel at Bradley Airport implement a composting program. Watch how we did it [here!](#)

### FELLOW EXPERIENCE

Our EcoFellows are halfway through their Fellowship! Read about Shelby Kuenzli's [experience](#) so far and what she's been up to!

## Green Tip of the Month



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