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UPDATES FROM CET

Tomorrow, **May 1**, we will be participating in [Valley Gives](#), which is the premier fundraising event specifically for nonprofits in the Pioneer Valley. Because of people like you, we're able to help people and businesses in Massachusetts save energy and reduce waste. For over 40 years we've been helping make our region a better place to live and work. We hope you will think of us during Valley Gives. To help us make green make sense, please [visit our page](#).

We're excited to announce the launch of our new program: [Solar Access](#), a program for middle-income homeowners in Massachusetts. Solar Access is funded by the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center and the Department of Energy Resources. Working with an energy expert, you will be guided through the program, which adds a special Solar Access incentive to the existing combination of electric utility, and federal incentives for renewable energy. By enrolling in a UMassFive College Credit Union loan, you will own your solar panels and a heat pump and will pay less than you spend now.

[Learn more about the program and find out if you can benefit!](#)

[Wasted Food Solutions](#), gives businesses, service providers, and policy makers access to the resources they need to address one of our biggest challenges: wasted food. The site contains many of our own resources, as well as many others from across the North East and beyond.



CET runs the largest reuse building materials store in New England, [EcoBuilding Bargains](#).

Find out how you can [donate](#) materials today!

TOGETHER WE MAKE GREEN MAKE SENSE:

Last month we asked, with 1 being "Very unlikely" and 10 being "Very likely", how likely are you to do something this month to celebrate Earth Day?

Almost 60% of our respondents answered 9 or 10, indicating that they were likely to celebrate Earth Day in April!

This month we want to know...with 1 being "Very unlikely" and 10 being "Very likely", during your spring cleaning, how likely are you to donate or recycle items you no longer want?

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

Check back next month for the results!

Best of Our Blog



ZERO WASTE LIFE

Ever wonder what it really means to live a "zero waste" lifestyle? [Learn more](#) about what the movement is and how you can participate and change your waste habits!



NEW SOLAR PROGRAM

We are thrilled to launch our newest program: [Solar Access](#). We are now able to offer affordable, renewable energy for your community!



FURNITURE RECYCLING

According to the EPA, about 8.5 million tons of furniture waste goes into landfills every year. Learn how you can recycle, reuse, or repurpose your old furniture [here](#).



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