

EAC Recommended Reading List

Energy (use reduction, efficiency, renewable energy, climate change/carbon)

Massachusetts EOEa Heating and Cooling Energy Savings Resources:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/energy-utilities-clean-tech/home-heating/consumer-assistance/>

Massachusetts EOEa information on “Energy Efficiency for Your Home”:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/energy-utilities-clean-tech/energy-efficiency/ee-for-your-home/>

Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2020 (goals for the Commonwealth):

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/eea/energy/cecp-for-2020.pdf>

Reduce Your Carbon Footprint at Home: www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/climate-energy/climate/ghg/reduce-your-carbon-footprint-at-home.html

Web sites to help select an optimum vehicle for your duty cycle. www.fueleconomy.gov and also at <https://afdc.energy.gov/calc/>

Web site to introduce the Green Communities Program: www.mass.gov/orgs/green-communities-division

Web site summarizing a path to reverse the upward trend in atmospheric CO₂ with ranking of solutions: www.drawdown.org

Farnsworth, D., Lazar, J., and Shipley, J.; *Beneficial Electrification of Water Heating*, Montpelier, Vermont, Regulatory Assistance Project, January 2019

Shipley, J., Lazar, J., Farnsworth, D., and Kadoch, C.; *Beneficial Electrification of Space Heating*, Montpelier, Vermont, Regulatory Assistance Project, January 2019

2) Waste Materials Management (waste reduction and recycling)

Waste Disposal Bans (identifies materials banned from disposal):

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/recycle/solid/massachusetts-waste-disposal-bans.html>

Massachusetts DEP info on waste and recycling options for various materials:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/recycle/>

Mass DEP info on Household Hazardous Waste (items and disposal options):
<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/recycle/hazardous/household-hazardous-waste.html>

3) Natural Systems and Natural Resources Management (water conservation, wells, septic systems)

Clive Dobson, Gregor Gilpin Beck; Watersheds, a Practical Handbook for Healthy Water, Firefly Books Ltd., 1999

Rain Barrels and Other Water Conservation Tools, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection,
<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/watersheds/rain-barrels-and-other-water-conservation-tools.html>

Water Conservation Tips/Resources from Mass DEP:
<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/watersheds/water-conservation.html>

Septic System information from Mass DEP:
<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/wastewater/septic-systems-title-5.html>

Septic System Financing Opportunities:
<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/grants/title-5-septic-systems.html>

Private Wells- Health and Safety Information from Mass DEP:
<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/drinking/private-wells.html>

Rain Barrel (use and how to obtain):
<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/watersheds/rain-barrels-and-other-water-conservation-tools.html>

Composting Bin (use and how to obtain):
<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/recycle/reduce/get-a-low-cost-rodent-resistant-compost-bin.html>

Suggestions for managing lawns with water quality in mind:
www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/watersheds/lawns-and-landscapes-in-your-watershed.html

A Citizen's Guide to Radon: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-12/documents/2016_a_citizens_guide_to_radon.pdf (but note that MA offers free testing)

Free radon testing for MA residents: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/radon-get-the-facts>

MA gov information on indoor air quality: <https://www.mass.gov/indoor-air-quality-facts-and-resources>

4) Land Use (preservation of vistas and rural qualities; recreational trails; agriculture (ecological maintenance) (all identified in Master Plan)

Forest Adaptation Resources: Climate Change Tools and Approaches for Land Managers, 2nd Edition, General Technical Report NRS-57-2, USDA Forest Service, September 2016

Catanzo, Fish & Kittredge, Best Management Practices Manual, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Bureau of Forestry, 2013 (downloadable as a pdf from www.MassWoods.net)

A Guide to Invasive Plants in Massachusetts, Revised Second Edition, Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, 2008

Michael Mauri, A Woodlot Owner's Guide, copyright Michael Mauri, 20

Princeton Agricultural Commission Website: <https://princetonagcom.wordpress.com/>

Farm to Table: Central Mass Grown: <http://www.centralmassgrown.org/> and also Central MA Locavore: <https://www.centralmassorganics.com>

Worcester County Conservation District Yearly Plant Sale: <https://worcesterconservation.org/pick-up-info/>

A Community Guide to Growing Greener: <http://www.commonwaters.org/resources/community-guide-to-growing-greener>

Wildlife Habitat Program: <https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certify>

Northeast Organic Farming Association's Organic Land Care Program (NOFA OLC) has a mission to extend the vision and principles of organic agriculture to the care of the landscapes where people carry out their daily lives. Tips for homeowners and the Town can be found at <http://www.organiclandcare.net/>