



Green Bytes

Energy

We have some exciting news! The Department of Energy Resources, or DOER, has recently approved a \$250,000 grant for green projects around town. The bulk of the money will be put towards replacing older streetlights with newer, energy-efficient LED streetlights. The rest of the grant earnings will go towards insulating garage doors at the fire stations and at the Department of Public Works for better heat efficiency.

Source: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/>

Water

Conserve Water At Home— More water is wasted right from home than we realize. Sometimes the simplest approaches to saving water, and thus saving energy, makes all the difference. When washing the dishes or doing the laundry, make sure you have only full loads to be the most the efficient. About 90 percent of the energy used when washing your clothes lies just within the heating of the water. You can save money by simply washing your clothes in cold water. When it comes to dishwashers, never pre-rinse your dishes. It is estimated that some 50,000 gallons of water can be saved over a lifetime by skipping the pre-rinse step.

Source: www.energy.gov

Environment



Halloween

A Green Halloween— There are many ways you can save on waste and have a “green” Halloween this year.

1. Send children out trick-or-treating with reusable shopping bags or pillow cases instead of plastic grocery bags that are less convenient to recycle.
2. There’s no need to go to the store to buy crazy decorations. Head to a local farmer’s market for pumpkins and gourds that you can carve yourself and then compost them after the holiday is over.
3. Instead of buying a new costume this year, considering re-using an older one or making one out of old clothing.

For more tips, check out Earthshare.org

Source: www.earthshare.org

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Fall is Here!

Newsletter Spotlight

This summer’s GreenBytes Newsletter includes information on how to save water and energy right from home.

Happy Halloween!