

September 2018 Newsletter

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"Thank you for the recycling bins and for running the GREEN TEAM project. It is a great addition to our school."

-Maria Lyons, Teacher, Mount Alvernia Academy, Newton

Hello GREEN TEAM Teachers!

We are thrilled for the beginning of the new school year, and about the more than 50 teachers who have already registered for THE GREEN TEAM! If you haven't already done so, [register for the 2018-2019 school year](#) today! (GREEN TEAM registrations do not carry over from year to year, so remember to register again even if you participated last year.) GREEN TEAM teachers receive a [GREEN TEAM kit](#) full of useful resources and are eligible to win prizes recognizing their students' achievements.

We have recycling equipment in stock at three locations throughout the state. To request [free recycling and composting equipment](#), please [register for the 2018-2019 school year](#) and submit a [recycling equipment application form](#).

The Boston-area location will have three scheduled distribution dates during the 2018-2019 school year. The first will be September 27. Boston-area schools should submit their recycling equipment requests by September 21 for the September 27 distribution. The next Boston-area distributions will be held in November and April.

Equipment is available on an ongoing basis from the Amherst and Pittsfield locations. Distributions are scheduled by appointment. You will be provided with additional information upon approval of your equipment request.

GREEN TEAM Spotlight

Throughout the school year, send us photos and stories about the great work you are doing to share in [THE GREEN TEAM Photo Gallery](#) and [THE GREEN TEAM Spotlight](#)! Be sure to check out these links to view all of the great activities THE GREEN TEAM schools completed last year.

GREEN TEAM in the Media

[iBerkshires.com](#) reported on the students at **Colegrove Park Elementary School** in North Adams who designed eco-friendly programs and businesses as part of the Camp Solution program. Students recently displayed their projects, which focused on topics such as endangered animals, increasing local recycling, reducing ocean plastic pollution, and saving bees.

The [Daily Hampshire Gazette](#) detailed how the schools located in the **Franklin County Solid Waste Management District** have achieved success in implementing composting programs, leading the state in composting rates. Out of 35 schools in Franklin County, 33 divert all food and paper waste from school kitchens and cafeterias to composting.

[WickedLocal Brookline](#) described the successful implementation of composting at **Brookline High School**. The program has inspired other schools in the district, including **Lincoln School** and **Coolidge Corner School**, to explore implementing compost programs as well.

If your school is covered in the local media, let us know and we'll add it to [THE GREEN TEAM in the Media](#) page!

School Programs, Events, Competitions, and Professional Development

Mark your calendars with these grant opportunities, workshops, conferences, and more!

September 1 – Deadline for [Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom Mini-Grant](#) applications. Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom awards mini-grants up to \$1,500 to Massachusetts

educators, after-school programs, farms working with schools, and youth gardening organizations for agriculturally-based educational projects. Click [here](#) to apply.

September 1 – Deadline for [Toshiba America Foundation grants](#). The Toshiba America Foundation awards grants to educators who are passionate about making mathematics and science more engaging for their students. This deadline is for educators of grades 6-12, and offers grants up to \$5,000.

September 8 – Keep America Beautiful's [National Planting Day](#). This nationwide initiative encourages Americans to support local ecosystems by planting native species. [Create an account](#) to register your local planting event and make your town a little bit greener!

September 15 – Project Learning Tree's [Pre-K-K Early Childhood Curriculum Workshop](#) in Lawrence. The curriculum develops awareness, engages critical thinking skills, and promotes constructive action. [Register](#) by September 8.

September 21 – Deadline to submit THE GREEN TEAM [recycling equipment application](#) for the September 27 distribution day to be held in Boston. ([Equipment requests](#) for the Amherst and Pittsfield equipment locations may be submitted at any time).

September 22 – National Environmental Education Foundation's [National Public Lands Day](#). Through the nation's largest single-day volunteer effort for public lands, the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) works to connect people to public lands in their community.

September 27 – [Distribution day](#) for GREEN TEAM recycling equipment for schools in the Boston area. Register for [THE GREEN TEAM](#) and submit a [recycling equipment application](#) by September 21 for this distribution. The next Boston-area distribution day will be held in November.

September 29 – Massachusetts Marine Educators [Boston Harbor Educator Conference](#) at UMass Boston. This event focuses on the life, science, and history of Boston Harbor and how you can bring this information into your classrooms.

September 30 – Deadline to apply for [Project Learning Tree's Greenworks! Grants](#). Project Learning Tree offers grants up to \$1,000 to schools and youth organizations for environmental service-learning projects that link classroom learning to the real world.

October 1 – Deadline for [Toshiba America Foundation grants](#). The Toshiba America Foundation awards grants to educators who are passionate about making mathematics and science more engaging for their students. This deadline is for educators of grades K-5, and offers grants up to \$1,000.

October 4 – Tenth annual [Green Careers Conference](#) at the MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife in Westborough. This event showcases careers in sustainability, with stakeholders from government, business, education, and non-profit sectors. Visit the [Green Careers Conference website](#) for more information.

October 12 – Registration deadline for Keep America Beautiful's [Recycle-Bowl 2018](#). You can register your school [here](#). The [competition](#) begins on October 15.

October 13 – Project Learning Tree's [PreK-K Curriculum Workshop](#) in North Easton. The curriculum develops awareness, engages critical thinking skills, and promotes constructive action. [Register](#) by October 6.

October 15 – [Recycle-Bowl 2018](#) competition begins. Schools will track their recyclables for four weeks during the competition, then submit their scores to be compared against the competitors. The competition ends November 15.

October 16-18 – [Massachusetts Facilities Administrators Association Fall Conference](#) in Hyannis. This conference aims to help facilities professionals continue their professional growth with a focus on providing safer, healthier, and more sustainable learning environments for staff and students.

November 1 – Deadline for [Toshiba America Foundation grants](#). The Toshiba America Foundation awards grants to educators who are passionate about making mathematics and science more engaging for their students. This deadline is for educators of grades 6-12, for grants in excess of \$5,000.

November 1-2 – [2018 Massachusetts Association of Science Teachers Conference](#) in Boxborough. This year's theme is Sustainable Science. On November 2 at 11:00 AM, MassDEP's Ann McGovern will present a session on "Composting at School for Sustainability and Science."

November 15 – Keep America Beautiful's [America Recycles Day](#). Take action in your community by taking part in a local event on this nationally-recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States. [Find a local event](#) or register your own!

November 15 – [Recycle-Bowl 2018](#) competition ends. Schools must [report their data](#) by December 14, 2018. Winners will be announced in February 2019.

Other Resources

Calling all teachers! Would you like to shop for school and office supplies for free? [Re-Stream](#)'s FRe-Stream store in Waltham, MA has a wide range of office/school supplies, such as white paper, pens, markers, white boards, cork boards, recycling bins, and more! Re-Stream repurposes and donates office/school supplies to any school teacher in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Please call John Fantasia of Re-Stream at 781-899-0059 for more information about this great opportunity to get free supplies to kick off the new school year!

THE GREEN TEAM is thrilled to empower you and your students to help the environment again this year.

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