

How will you celebrate Earth Day? We hope you'll join us Sunday, May 1 at the Natick Earth Day Festival.

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SUSTAINABLE NATICK

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It's that time of year...



Wow! What a year it has been for our planet! Global leaders agreed to the historic Paris Climate Agreement, Massachusetts passed new solar legislation and here in Natick we began work on a number of new projects, from curbside composting and solar carports to mattress recycling and pesticide-free turf care to greenhouse gas inventories and more.

We've come a long way, but there's more to be done. Read on for ways you can help.

Go Solar!



[SOLARIZE MASS NATICK](#) is up and running, and its volunteers are ready to help Natick residents learn about solar. This week the group received the Natick Board of Selectmen's approval to designate [Boston Solar](#) as the program's installer and announced pricing options that are 25% cheaper than the average 2015 Natick solar install. At these rates, a home that didn't make sense for solar in the past could be a good fit now.

If you have been thinking about adding solar panels, you should definitely check out the resources available on [SOLARIZE MASS NATICK's website](#). There is a great solar FAQ, a neat infographic on Natick installs, and a form to request a [free site assessment](#) for your house.

Be sure to mark your calendar too! On May 19, [SOLARIZE MASS NATICK](#) is hosting a Meet the Installer Night at 7pm at the Community Senior Center. Come with your questions and bring your kids – babysitting will be provided! [Register here](#).

Clean Your Attic

Recycling old junk is a snap with Clean Your Attic Day!



Get your spring cleaning done responsibly by participating in [Clean Your Attic Day](#) on May 14 from 9am-1pm at Natick High School. The event accepts: TVs, computers, electronic items, clothing, shoes, household goods, books, bicycles, eye glasses, cell phones, old metal and donations for the Natick Food Pantry (try saying that three times fast!). Paper Shredding is also available and will be securely shredded before being recycled.

Please note that a fee may be charged for some items. Check out this [handy guide](#) for more details.

And don't forget – Natick's [Household Hazardous Waste Day](#) is next Saturday, April 30. To participate, you must register in advance with the Health Department at Town Hall. The DPW is also now offering mattress and box spring recycling collection for a fee of just \$5 each. Contact the DPW at 508-647-6550 to find out more.

Sign Up for Curbside Composting



Woot woot! 470 people have signed up for [Natick's curbside composting pilot](#), which means just 30 spots are left! Due to volume restrictions, we can now only accept sign ups for households that have their trash collected on Tuesday or Thursday. If you fit that criteria and want to join, [please sign up here](#).

If you've already signed up, please note the bins and materials will be ready for pick up at the Earth Day

Festival on May 1 and then at the DPW
until June 1.

Join Us at the Earth Day Festival

Have you been to Natick's annual [Earth Day Festival](#)? Join us on Sunday May 1 (May 15 if it rains) on the Natick Common to learn more about conservation, sustainability, land stewardship and volunteer action. Eco-minded vendors, good food and music will be in attendance. We hope to see you there!



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