

Sustainability at Home

It has never been easier to go green!

A multitude of resources and funding mechanisms are available for clean energy, energy efficient technologies, and other sustainability practices; this one-pager offers just a small sample of opportunities available. *Want more clean energy solutions for your home? Check out [MassCEC's Clean Energy Lives Here](#) campaign!*

Quick Hits and Easy Wins

Make the b-right choice and switch to LEDs	LEDs are widely available at home improvement and similar stores. This quick reference from ENERGY STAR contains information on available LED bulb types, brightness, etc.
Choose to 'renew' your electricity supply	Increase the amount of your electricity sourced from renewables by participating in community choice programs; a list of towns with approved municipal aggregation options are available on this mass.gov page .
Buy local, Massachusetts-grown plants and produce	The MA Department of Agricultural Resources has a plethora of resources to help you find your local farms, fairs, and markets. Even in the winter!

Transportation

In the market for a new car? Now may be the time to go all-electric!	Drive Green lists new and used EVs for sale and estimated costs with incentives included.
	<p><i>Take advantage of state and federal incentives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOR-EV provides up to \$2,500 for electric vehicles, up to \$1,500 for plug-in hybrids. EVs and PHEVs may be eligible for a federal income tax credit of up to \$7,500.
Skip the car, travel by bike	MassBike resources include trail maps, bike shops, and relevant laws for cyclists.

Heating, Cooling, and Water Heating

Investigate renewable thermal technologies and energy efficiency upgrades to reduce or eliminate your onsite fossil fuel use	MassCEC has resources and targeted funding for heating & cooling technologies. NEEP's guide to air source heat pumps includes lists of vetted products, FAQs, and more.
	<p><i>Take advantage of state incentive programs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass Save offers incentives for electric heating and cooling, home insulation, oil conversion, water heating, and more. Renewable thermal systems may be eligible for incentives through the APS.

Solar

Put your roof to use, install solar!	The Mass Solar Loan dashboard contains information about solar costs and loan interest rates to help users get a sense of the cost of installing solar at their homes. Visit MassCEC for information on financing options, incentives, installers, and more.
	<p><i>Take advantage of state incentive programs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SMART Program provides fixed 20-year incentives for both small and large solar PV installations across National Grid, Eversource, and Until service territories. In an MLP? The Municipal Light Plant Solar Rebate Program provides rebates for projects under 25kW in participating MLP service territories. Pair your solar with energy storage to receive further SMART incentives, and get paid to discharge energy through the Connected Solutions program.

Sustainable Landscaping

Switch to battery-powered landscaping equipment	The American Green Zone Alliance offers a robust review of the myriad benefits of switching to battery-powered landscaping equipment.
Create a pollinator garden or limited-mow zone	The MA Department of Agricultural Resources has a list of native pollinator-friendly species and locally available plants.
Conserve outdoor water by making or creating a rain barrel	MassDEP has tips on how to purchase or make rain barrels and use rainwater, as well as other water-saving practices. Check your town's website for potential local incentives!

Waste Diversion

Decontaminate your recycling	The RecycleSmartMA search tool identifies recyclable materials. You can also sign up for their newsletter to get the latest news on best waste-diversion practices.
Compost food and yard waste	Many communities sell MassDEP-subsidized compost bins at reduced prices; a full list of participating cities and towns can be found here .

