

LEXINGTON CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

LexCAN's Community Newsletter for a Sustainable Lexington



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Lexington Climate Action Network

There's Still Time to Contact Your Town Meeting Member About Critical Sustainability Articles Before Town Meeting

[How to Contact Your Town Meeting Member](#)

These Articles Have Yet to be Voted On:

ARTICLE 31: PROHIBIT SINGLE-SERVE PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES

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Learn More About These Articles:

[Recording of LexCAN Informational Meeting](#)

[2024 Town Meeting Warrant with LexCAN Priorities Highlighted](#)

[View Presentation Videos and Slides of Articles](#)

Great News!

[Article 7: Sustainable Capital Projects Approved 163-1!](#)

[Article 10\(f\) Lincoln Park Improvements was also approved but with a](#)

smaller margin than when an earlier Lincoln Park "field improvement" came up; that's good news, too!

**Current Schedule of Article
Votes**

**Landscapers Help Care for Your Land? Let Them Know about
Workshop on Transitioning to Battery-Powered Equipment**

The Town of Lexington, with monetary support from LexCAN, is sponsoring several events to help land care professionals and residents make the transition to battery-powered equipment. The workshop below is for professionals, however, homeowners can share the information if they hire businesses to care for their land. Landscapers may be more likely to attend with homeowners' encouragement. Information on events for residents will be in future newsletters.



GREEN, QUIET & HEALTHY

A Regional Workshop for Land Care Professionals

Wednesday, May 8th

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Cary Memorial Hall

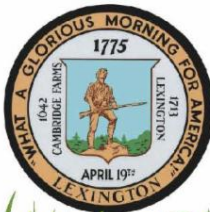
1605 Massachusetts Ave, Lexington MA

Calling all landscaping professionals to learn from leaders in the field on transitioning to battery-powered equipment:

- The latest in commercial equipment via a live expo with top manufacturers
- The economics of gas vs. electric
- Beneficial impacts
- Case studies and success stories



REGISTER HERE



Lexington Field & Garden Club

Backyard Bird Sanctuaries with Bill Gette

Wednesday, April 10 9:30am/Social 10:00am Meeting

Follen Community Church

755 Massachusetts Avenue Lexington MA

Bill Gette will review bird species typically seen at local feeding stations and backyard sanctuaries. Highlighted will be how ranges and populations of many bird species have changed due to climate, land use, and development changes. He will

discuss planting flowers and shrubs that provide food and cover for birds, managing your garden during the growing season to provide food for the birds you want to attract, and aiding in field identification.

This is a free event. Join us for an interesting seminar!

[Learn More](#)



Town of Lexington Department of Sustainability and Resilience

Weigh in on the Future of Lexington's Waste Collection System



The Town is seeking your input on the future of our waste collection system as we strive to achieve a 90% diversion rate by 2050.

[Learn More](#)

[Take the Survey](#)

Town Curbside Compost Program to Expand This Summer



The Town is happy to announce the expansion of its curbside compost program!

Key Dates

- May 1, 2024: Enrollment opens (details coming soon)
- July 1, 2024: Service begins for households new to the program

Please spread the word to neighbors that don't compost yet!

[Learn More](#)



LexZeroWaste

Your Help is Needed: A Modern Bottle Bill Within Reach in Massachusetts

A coalition of Mass environmental groups are working to get the Bottle Bill across the finish line. We've adopted a list of essential principles for a modern Bottle Bill that we'd support, [here](#).

**Call Your Legislator/Attend Lobby Day
4/2**

Collecting Chip Bags for Munroe Center for the Arts Sculpture and Patriot's Day Parade

**Dates of collection: Anytime until Friday, April 12
Parade Date: Monday, April 15**

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Mend in Public Day

**Saturday, April 20 11:00am- 3:00pm
Center Goods
30 Waltham Street Lexington MA**

**Learn
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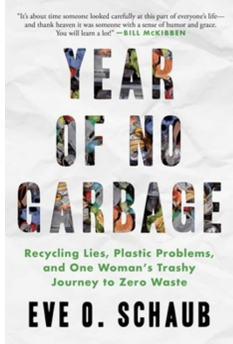
Recycling Lies and Plastic Problems: What I Learned from a *Year of No Garbage*

**Tuesday, April 30 7:00- 8:30pm
Cary Memorial Library Living Room
1874 Massachusetts Avenue Lexington MA**

**Learn More and
Register**

Internationally published author and humorist Eve Schaub challenged her family to attempt the seemingly impossible: to live in the modern world, for an entire year, without creating any trash at all. This talk will trace the high and low points of Schaub's family's Zero Waste journey, focusing on lessons learned and where we go from here.

Following Eve's presentation and Q&A, we will hear from Maggie



Peard, **Lexington Sustainability and Resilience** Officer, and Erica Bouchard Rabins, Owner of **Center Goods**. Maggie will talk about curbside recycling options in Lexington and Erica will talk about greenwashing and how to avoid non-recyclable items with refillable and reusable items.



Lexington Lyceum Advocates

Growing Up in a Climate Crisis: How Are Young People Responding?

Tuesday, April 30 6:30- 9:00pm
Follen Community Church
755 Massachusetts Avenue Lexington MA

[Register](#)

How are young people driving change, staying resilient, and keeping hope alive in the face of climate crisis?

Join this interactive conversation and hear high school students and young college graduates talk about how they feel, what they think, and what they're doing about climate change.



Citizens for Lexington Conservation

April Walks

Butterfly Walk Arlington Meadows: Sunday, April 21
Spring Bird Walk Arlington Reservoir and LexFarm: Saturday, April 27
Lexpress Walk Series #1 Turning Mill/Williards Woods Chiesa Farm/Parker Meadow: Tuesday, April 30

[Learn More](#)



Lexington Farmers' Market

Small Yet Mighty Winter Market: Indoors

LAST WINTER MARKET: Saturday 4/13
11:00am- 2:00pm
Waldorf School
739 Massachusetts Avenue Lexington

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Lexington Community Farm

LexFarm Updates



Click below to learn more about these exciting LexFarm offerings:

Preorder LexFarm Seedlings Now
Financial Assistance for Summer and Fall Veggie CSA Shares

LexFarm Youth and Family Education

**Learn
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Stop Private Jet Expansion

Respond to Hanscom Developers' Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

**How to Respond to
DEIR**

In their **Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)**, the Hanscom developers make the astonishing claim that this expansion will decrease flights, decrease emissions, and help meet Net Zero goals. These assertions are deeply flawed and misleading.

The public comment period for the DEIR is now open, and we have until May 10th to make our voices heard.



4th Annual Native Pollinator Plant Sale

[Learn More](#)



Lexington Arts and Crafts Society

Reimagining Our World Art Exhibit

Now through April 21 Tuesday-Sunday 11:00am- 5:00pm
Lexington Arts and Crafts Society
130 Waltham Street Lexington MA

[Learn More](#)

The environmental crisis is multifactorial: consumerism, pollution, extreme weather, loss of biodiversity, and other catastrophes - too complex, too intertwined, but above all, too urgent. A collective problem that requires collective solutions. As individuals, we wonder, "How can I contribute to the solution?"

The featured eco-minded artists, members of i3C (inspiring Change for the Climate Crisis) Artists Group and Guests, respond by working with rejected materials, such as beach debris, plastic waste, or repurposed textiles. They dare to reinvent the life of waste, transforming these society rejections into reminders of what we need to save.

Town of Lexington Transportation Services

Transportation Department April Events

[Learn More](#)

Friday, April 5: Transit Explorer Grades 6-12
Thursday, April 25 Author Talk: Paved Paradise: How Parking Explains the World
Tuesday, April 30: LexPress Walk: Turning Mill/Williards Woods/Chiesa

ONGOING EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

Would you like to get involved in one or more of these campaigns?

Help is always needed and welcomed!

Please email: info@lexcan.org



LexElectrify Campaign

LexElectrify is a community-wide campaign to empower homeowners, renters, and businesses to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions from the building and transportation sectors. View recording and slides of LexElectrify launch and learn more...

[LexElectrify Campaign Website](#)

[Make a Plan Checklist](#)



Town of Lexington Department of Sustainability and Resilience

Lexington's Fossil Free Bylaw Went into Effect March 21, 2024

[Learn More](#)

Networked Geothermal Feasibility Study Begins in Lexington

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Opt Up to New England Green Electricity

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**Support local renewable energy
for the price of one large fancy latte a month!**



Opting up to the **New England Green** option in Lexington's Community Choice Program would cost the average household an extra \$8 per month.



**Drive demand for local renewable energy products.
Support local workforce development.**

Opt Up at MassPowerChoice.com/Lexington



Energy and Water Data for Lexington's Largest Buildings

Big buildings use a lot of energy! Energy use transparency is an essential first step towards finding solutions to reduce energy consumption in order to meet our local and state climate goals which is why Lexington's Town Meeting passed the Building Energy Use Disclosure (BEU-D) bylaw.

**Building Energy Use
Disclosure**

Climate Action and Resilience Plan: Resilient Lexington

**Climate Action and Resilience
Plan**



Lexington Community Farm Store

Wednesdays- Fridays 2:00- 7:00pm
Saturdays 9:00am- 4:00pm
52 Lowell Street Lexington

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LPS Green Teams

LPS Green Teams Partners with Whitsons Food Service to Further Increase Schools' Sustainable Practices

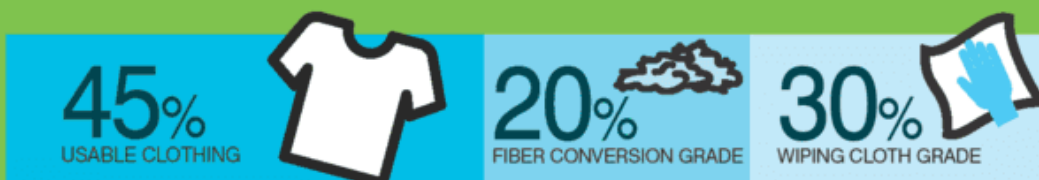
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Spring Cleaning? Support Our Schools & the Environment

95% of unwanted textiles can be reused or recycled. [Baystate Textiles](#) accepts "the good, the bad and the ugly" as long as they're clean and dry. You can drop off in the white bin by the parking lot at each of our schools. Baystate Textiles pays our schools \$120/ton of material collected!

the secret double life of donated textiles

NEARLY **100%** OF DONATED TEXTILES ARE RECYCLED! They are separated into three grades:



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Recycled cloth rags use **LESS WATER, LESS ENERGY** and create a **LOWER CARBON**

products **SAVE MONEY and RESOURCES** by using existing materials.

FOOTPRINT than all other alternatives.

CLOSING THE LOOP



The second hand clothing market provides **AFFORDABLE CLOTHING** to those in need and **ENCOURAGES GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP.**

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Starts December 1st.



LexZeroWaste.org

The ZeroToGo pilot program, in partnership with Recircable, LLC, is funded by a generous grant from the Community Endowment of Lexington, an endowed fund of the Foundation for MetroWest; sponsorship by Enterprise Bank; and donations from LexZeroWaste members.



Action Network

Put Gas in the Past

Put Gas in the Past Website & Sign the
Petition

Send this Email to a
Friend



Even as the early impacts of the climate crisis sweep over us, gas companies continue their efforts to expand their systems and entrench themselves in our energy future. For more info on how you can help click links above.

Questions? Email allyson.samuell@sierraclub.org



Stop Private Jet Expansion

Tuesday & Wednesday Morning Standout to Spread the Word

Join us for one or both standouts to spread the word:
Stop Expansion of Private Jets.

Tuesdays: 8:30am at Emery Park/Depot Square
Wednesdays: 8:30am at Massachusetts Ave and Pleasant Street

Questions?: Email Jeanne Krieger jkriegerjk44@gmail.com,
Margaret Coppe mecoppe@gmail.com
Tom Wanderer thomas.wanderer49@gmail.com

[Stop Hanscom Expansion Website](#)

[Sign the Petition](#)



Lexington Tree Warden and Tree Committee

Get Free Trees; Grow Public Shade: Lexington Tree Setback Program

[Learn More](#)



The Tree Warden and Tree Committee have worked together to create the Lexington Tree Setback Program, in which residents can request a tree to be planted in their "setback" area at no expense.



Town of Lexington Department of



Transportation

Get to Know Our Local Bus Service with this Video: 10 Reasons We Love Lexpress

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