

LEXINGTON CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

LexCAN's Community Newsletter for a Sustainable Lexington



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While online shopping does have a smaller carbon footprint than traditional retail shopping, it's only really better for the environment if you don't get

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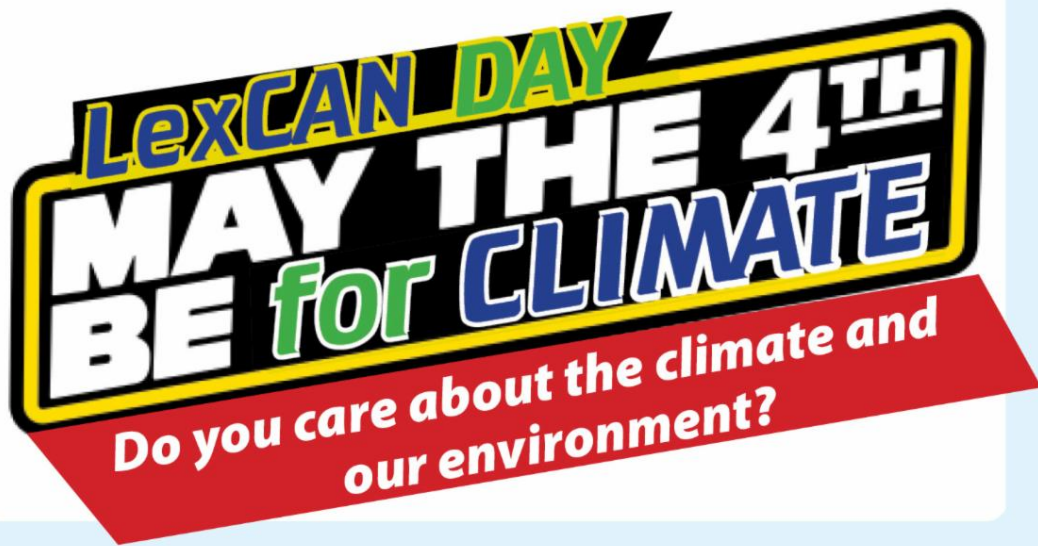
CURRENT EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS



Lexington Climate Action Network

May the 4th Be for Climate!

Saturday, May 4 9:00am
Countdown Clock in front of Town Offices
1625 Massachusetts Avenue Lexington MA



May 4th | 9:00 am

**In front of the Town Office Building
1625 Massachusetts Ave, Lexington, MA
Change the 250th Countdown Clock**

351 - 350!

**Bring your own signs about 350ppm.
Join the LexCAN community as we change the
250th Countdown Clock from 351 - 350!**

In a climate-changing world, 350 is a very big number. At 350ppm (parts per million), we had a stable climate. As we have accelerated up to 424 ppm, the climate is disrupted and we can see the effects NOW. Lexington is counting down to our 250th celebration of the start of the American Revolution on the Lexington Green. LexCAN has the honor to change the clock to 350 to demonstrate we want ACTION NOW to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and reverse the damage by reaching to move us back down to 350 ppm.



PICKUP FOR THE PLANET

May 4th – May 12th



1 Choose a time to pick up trash in your neighborhood or a favorite place, like the beach.



2 Take a trash inventory! Count it by the bag or individual pieces so we know how much plastic, cans and paper you are taking out of nature.



3 Send in a summary/pictures of # of pieces of plastic, whatever you would like to share. Bonus points for making recycled art! Send photos and summary to info@lexcan.org

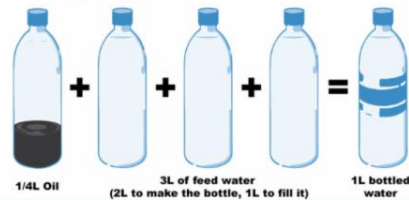


4 Recycle what you can, and safely dispose of the rest.



Did you know?

- Aluminum cans are completely recyclable.
- Less than 9% of plastic we use is recycled, most ends up being incinerated or in a landfill.
- When trash washes into storm drains it winds up in our local streams, harming local wildlife.
- To produce 1 liter of plastic bottled water 1/4 liter of oil and 3 liters of water is used.



Food Matters: Why Climate Change May Hinge on What We Eat and How We Grow It

Tuesday, May 14 6:30- 8:30pm
VIRTUAL

Register

May 14th • 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Virtual

Register at:

<https://bit.ly/LexCANFoodMatters>

**LEXINGTON
CLIMATE ACTION
NETWORK**

presents

Project Drawdown's series:

**DRAWDOWN
IGNITE
FOOD MATTERS:
Why climate change
may hinge on what we
eat and how we grow it**

drawdown.org | @ProjectDrawdown



JONATHAN FOLEY, PH.D.
Executive Director

Please join us for a viewing of "Project Drawdown" webinar (57 min) on "Food Matters: Why climate change may hinge on what we eat and how we grow it" led by Dr. Jonathan Foley,

This webinar focuses on the importance of our food system on solving climate change. Dr Foley presents 6 Pillars of challenges and opportunities, globally, for meaningful change in our food system.

How is our food grown? What are agricultural products grown for? What are the impacts on climate, land use, and water, and how can we make a difference with our own food choices?

At 7:30 pm, we will have a Q & A with discussion on zoom. • FREE • Open to the Public
REGISTER at: <https://bit.ly/LexCANFoodMatters> • Hope to see you on May 14th!



LHS Community Forum: Attend with Your "Sustainability Hat"

Thursday, May 6:30- 8:30pm

Cary Hall

1605 Massachusetts Avenue Lexington MA

HYBRID: In- Person or via Zoom

Zoom Link

All members of the community are encouraged to attend in person or virtually.

Agenda will include massing studies, focus group updates and alternative scenarios

and preliminary cost estimate reviews. In addition to clean and efficient energy concerns, the School Building Committee is exploring ways to renovate/revitalize the current LHS infrastructure to save money and resources.

Here are a few sustainability considerations to think about:

- leveraging the current raw materials and established foundations and structure
- considering embodied carbon (According to AECOM, a multinational infrastructure consulting firm, “over 60% of embodied carbon emissions are associated with the substructure, frame, upper floors and roof of a building. A deep refurbishment should retain these elements, meaning on average, the carbon footprint of a refurbished building is half that of the newly-built replacement.”)
- acknowledging the true cost (both environmental and fiscal) of demolition and disposal

It’s not too late in the process and it doesn’t matter if you will have students in the schools. This project is critical for the entire community and we should all voice our questions and opinions.

To Make an Impact in the Stop Private Jet Expansion at Hanscom and All of Massachusetts Campaign

Submit a Comment

If you missed LexCAN's Hanscom Actionar on 4/25, and would like more information and guidance on submitting a comment, use these resources:

1. [Slides](#)
2. [Recording](#)
3. Link to LexCAN [Action Instructions](#)
4. Link to [Stop Private Jet Expansion Toolkit](#) for more details and references to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Great News!

Town Meeting voted to prohibit the sale of single-serve water bottles, ban toxic rodenticides known as SGARs and officially recognize Indigenous Peoples’ Day. Thanks to all who communicated their support for these important articles!

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

You're Invited: Thursday, May 9th, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



Making the Shift to Cleaner, Quieter Landscaping – Healthier for You and Your Neighbors

REGISTER

A Zoom Workshop on Transitioning to Electric Equipment and Other Healthier Practices for Residents of Lexington and Wellesley:

Join Quiet Communities Founder Jamie Banks and American Green Zone Alliance President Dan Mabe and other special guests for a discussion about how residents can support a healthy transition away from fossil fuel-powered equipment to improve the health of workers, children, the public, and the environment. Bring your questions.

Residents of both towns are invited to attend a hands-on electric equipment demonstration on May 8th at 12:15 p.m on the lawn at Cary Memorial Hall, 1605 Massachusetts Ave, Lexington.

For more information, contact rsvp@quietcommunities.org



Town of Lexington Department of Sustainability and Resilience

Free Curbside Composting

Learn More & Sign Up

The Town of Lexington is happy to announce the expansion of its curbside composting pilot program. The program will allow an additional 2,000 Lexington

households to sign up for curbside pickup of food waste and other compostable items at no cost, bringing the total up to 4,000 households. With compostable waste making up 35% of Lexington's waste stream, this pilot is a critical step in reducing waste in our community.

FREE CURBSIDE COMPOSTING

Lexington is expanding its curbside composting pilot to 4,000 households! Get weekly pickup of food waste and other compostable items.



SIGN UP WHILE SPACE REMAINS

blackearthcompost.com/lexington

Go Solar!

Wednesday, May 1 6:30- 7:30pm
VIRTUAL

[Register](#)

GO SOLAR



WITH LEXINGTON HEATSMART

Thinking about solar or batteries?

Join the Lexington HeatSmart Team and Revision Energy for a virtual event that will give you the information you need to get started:

- Why solar?
- Solar & Battery 101
- Meet the Lexington HeatSmart Solar Advisors

Wednesday, May 1 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm



Citizens for Lexington Conservation

May Events: Registration Needed Only if Noted

Hayden Woods Fern Plus Walk: Saturday, May 4 1:00- 2:30pm [REGISTER HERE](#)

Garlic Mustard Pull at Lincoln Park: Sunday, May 5 2:00- 4:00pm

Spring Birding at Lower Vine Brook: Saturday, May 11
7:00- 9:00am

Lexpress Walk Series #2- Shaker Glen/Lower Vine Brook: Tuesday, May 14
9:30am- 12:00pm [REGISTER HERE](#)

Williard's Woods Ramble: Sunday, May 19 10:00- 11:30am

Wild Edibles of Lexington's Waysides: Wednesday, May 22
6:00- 8:00pm

Spring Goat Pasture Walk at Chiesa Farm: Sunday, May 26
12:00- 2:00pm Rain date: Monday, May 27 12:00- 2:00pm

[Learn More](#)

Lexington Community Farm



Garlic Pull at LexFarm

Sunday, May 5 9:00- 11:00am
Sunday, May 12 10:00am- 12:00pm
52 Lowell Street Lexington MA

[Register](#)



Garlic mustard season is upon us. We have two opportunities to come out and help eradicate this invasive plant from our farm. We will pull garlic mustard and other invasive plants and remove litter along the field edges.

Meet at the kiosk with water and work gloves.

Self-Serve Seedlings at LexFarm



Vegetable, herb and flowering native plants are now for sale in front of the farm store at 52 Lowell St in Lexington. This week, on the self-serve benches in front and to the side of the farm store, you will find chard, napa cabbage and lettuce; herbs like parsley, dill, cilantro, lemon thyme, sage and mint, and perennials like Brown-Eyed Susan and Ox Eye Sunflower.

Self-serve purchases can be made with check or exact change as well as our online platform. On signs in the front and on the kiosk, there is a QR code to scan for credit or debit purchases.
Or visit www.lexfarm.org/pay.

Discover Edible Foods and Medicinal Plants All Around You!

Thursday, May 23 6:00- 8:00pm
52 Lowell Street Lexington, MA

[Learn More & Register](#)



Lexington Field & Garden Club

Fresh Seasonal Floral Arrangements with Kathy Leva

Wednesday, May 8 9:30am Social Meeting 10:00am Meeting
Follen Community Church
755 Massachusetts Avenue Lexington MA

Learn More &
RSVP

Field & Garden Club's 91st Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, May 18 8:00am- 11:30am
Front Lawn of Department of Public Works
201 Bedford Street Lexington MA



Lexington Gardens Blossom: Garden Tour

Saturday, June 8 10:00am- 4:00pm

Learn More & Purchase
Tickets



LexZeroWaste

We Are All Plastic People Film Screening

Tuesday, May 21 7:00pm
Lexington Community Center Room 139
39 Marrett Road Lexington MA



Did you know that plastic has been found everywhere from the deepest part of the ocean and remote mountain ranges to our bodies – even in our lungs and blood?

Join Oceana and LexZeroWaste for a free screening of the new documentary “We’re All Plastic People Now,” by Emmy award-winning filmmaker Rory Fielding. The film asks the pertinent question: How much evidence do we need before we decide to take action?

Following the film there will be time for brief Q&A, and participants will be invited to "take action" by writing post cards to their MA State Legislators asking them to

support policies that will address the plastic pollution crisis this legislative session.

To Register: Check LexCAN Mid-May Newsletter or lexzerowaste.org



Lexington Chamber of Commerce

Discovery Day

Saturday, May 25 10:00am- 3:00pm Outdoors
Massachusetts Avenue
Between Meriam Street and Worthen Road



Come visit some of Lexington's climate related organizations displaying information and ready to chat. Pick up seeds at Lexington Living Landscapes! Play Spin for a Climate Win at LexCAN! Save the Wildlife plus other environmentally focused groups will be there! A great opportunity to find out what's happening in Lexington and learn something new!



Lexington Farmers' Market

Opening Day at Lexington Farmers' Market

Tuesday, May 28 2:00- 6:30pm
Worthen Road Practice Field Lexington MA

[Learn More](#)

Opening Day for the Lexington Farmers' Market's 20th season arrives in just four weeks! Starting up right after Memorial Day, the LFM will be open every Tuesday from 2-6:30pm with a great selection of farmers and specialty food producers.

The LFM is a producer-only market, ensuring that what you find is fresh and local, sustainably raised and carefully crafted by the farmers and vendors of the LFM. Each week, there will be approximately 24 farmers and vendors on-site, including guest vendors. You'll see longtime favorites along with weekly entertainment and talented artisans. We will have exciting new additions this year, including a weekly mushroom vendor, a variety of salads and unique sandwiches, a wider range of baked goods plus delicious seafood meals and prepared foods ready to heat and eat.



Lexington Living Landscapes

Mosquito and Tick Control: How to Keep Your Family Safe Without Poisoning Your Yard with Aaron Anderson

Thursday, May 30 7:00- 8:30pm
VIRTUAL

[Learn More & Register](#)



Mosquitos and ticks are a nuisance at best and health risk at worst, so it's understandable why people often turn to insecticides to try and control these pests. Though spraying may seem like a quick and easy way to deal with mosquitos and ticks, it's often an ineffective control strategy. Worse, these insecticides are toxic to pollinators and other beneficial insects. Join us to learn about the risks that mosquito spraying poses and discuss practical, alternative methods of mosquito and tick control in residential landscapes.



Town of Lexington Transportation Services

May is Bike, Walk & Bus Month!

[Learn More](#)

Lexington's Transportation Department is offering exciting programming to celebrate Bike, Walk & Bus Month. Click above to learn more about:

- Walk & Roll to School Day
 - Mode Shift May
 - Bike Maintenance Clinic
 - Bike Rodeo
 - Kids and Bikes: Wheeling Towards Independence
- and much more!

May is also Mental Health Month. Walking and Biking support better mental health!



If you missed author Henry Grabar talking about his book *Paved Paradise: How Parking Explains the World* you can enjoy this thought provoking presentation by clicking the button below

[Watch Recording](#)



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

[Learn More](#)


[Would You Sign Up for Geothermal If It Were Available](#)

**Learn
More**

Opt Up to New England Green Electricity

**Learn
More**

**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

Learn
More



LPS Green Teams

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

Learn
More

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:

45%
USABLE CLOTHING



20%
FIBER CONVERSION GRADE



30%
WIPING CLOTH GRADE



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



CLOSING THE LOOP

Recycled cloth rags use **LESS WATER, LESS ENERGY** and create a **LOWER CARBON FOOTPRINT** than all other alternatives.



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

SECOND LIFE ...



stained t-shirt → wiping cloth



lone sock → pillow stuffing



old denim → household insulation



teddy bear



→ car seat stuffing



torn bath towel → wiping cloth



LexZeroWaste

[Learn More & Sign Up](#)

ZeroToGo REUSABLE TAKEOUT

Pilot Program at

ROYAL INDIA BISTRO

No cost to use.

Sign up now.

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.



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

[Check this Video: 10 Reasons We Love Lexpress](#)



Check out the Events page on LexCAN's Website!

[Learn More](#)

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LexCAN**

Would you like to submit an environmental event or activity?
Email us at info@lexcan.org

Please forward to *your* network!

Interested in signing up for this newsletter? Please email us info@lexcan.org

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