

Websites and local/general resources/contacts

- *ucsusa.org/factchecker: site of MIT-based Union of Concerned Scientists where climate-denier's assertions are addressed;
- *cetonline.org, Center for Ecological Technology, 413-586-7350: info on green building, home energy audits, energy reduction strategies;
- *Energy Mortgage Program of Western Massachusetts, 800-238-1221: for new home buyers interested in a mortgage focused on energy savings;
- *energysavers.gov/your_home/appliances offers methods of calculating energy uses of household appliances and gives estimates/examples;
- *For info on Massachusetts energy-saving programs see: energybucks.com;
- *myenergystar.com, 800-473-9150: catalogue of energy-efficient products;
- *buylocalfood.org, CISA (Community in Support of Agriculture) site, give your zip code to search for nearest source of local meat or whatever else you want, plus other useful info about local food and how to join CISA;
- *cooppower.coop, 413-772-8898: Greenfield-based, community-owned coop offering advice and hands-on help for solar installations, group-buying discounts;
- *eere.energy.gov/consumers/tips, 1-877-337-3463, info and handbooks on energy-saving;
- **Redesigning the American Lawn: A Search for Environmental Harmony*, Yale U Press;
- **The Compassionate Carnivore: Or, How to Keep Animals Happy, Save Old MacDonald's Farm, Reduce Your Hoofprint, and Still Eat Meat* by Catherine Friend, Da Capo Press will give you an incentive to seek out locally raised meat; available at local independent bookstores;
- *greenamerica.org is a highly popular and well-researched site for many links to all things "green" including "green" weddings (see below for some specific sites);
- *greenpages.org: listing of genuinely green companies;
- *GreenBusinessNetwork.org: another list of green businesses;
- *ResponsibleShopper.org: site promoted by Green America;
- *worldofgood.ebay.com: online shopping site of environmentally sensible products;
- *Green Burial Committee of the Funeral Consumer's Association of Western Massachusetts;cncoan@verizon.net: for info about the LEAST environmentally damaging and MOST energy-saving way to leave this world; green burial ideas are currently under consideration by the Leverett Cemetery Association;
- *GreeningGreenfield.org: Greenfield committee promoting the 10 % challenge, contains the pledge all Greenfield participants have taken;
- *350.org: info/action on reducing greenhouse gases to planet-saving 350 ppm;
- *laundrylist.org: promoting line-drying everywhere e.g. gated communities, etc. also, www.right2dry.org;
- *greenamericatoday.org: membership organization that publishes newsletters full of carefully researched and useful information for "green living," see especially their "green" investment info and cell phone alert;
- *LifeWithoutPlastic.com: online source of non-plastic alternatives for kitchen and kids' stuff; also, www.hazelnutkids.com sells plastic-free, eco-friendly, and safe toys for kids;

*Ecobunga.com: makes coupons, etc. available to you through email for savings on green products and gifts;

*betterworldclub.com: 24/7 "green" roadside assistance service, alternative to AAA; percentage of profits donated to environmental groups, first (maybe ONLY) roadside service for bicycles, uses (mainly) same local towing services as AAA;

*RideBuzz.org: community ride-sharing program in Pioneer Valley (1.4 million empty passenger seats that could be shared), 978-394-3740;

*clearlite.com: source of liquid mercury-free CFL bulbs;

*solatube.com: source of tubular day-lighting systems;

*crane.com: source of LED lighting;

*yourenew.com: site for properly recycling old cell phones and other electronics; they pay mailing costs and sometimes for recycled materials;

*carbonfund.org; Americanforests.org: re-cycling info and outlets;

*Utne.com/SmallGreen: lots of energy-reducing ideas from *Utne* magazine;

*sinsofgreenwashing.org: source of info about which "green" label claims you can believe and which you should laugh at and expose;

*myenergystore.com;

*myenergyplan.net: site established by a group at the University of New Hampshire, very user-friendly and informative, encourages assessment of your situation, then helps with customizing your own plan;

*350.org: Bill McKibbin's site for focusing attention on greenhouse gas levels in the atmosphere; 350 ppm is maximum level to sustain life on planet earth as it has evolved; current level is 390 ppm; Leverett's display of 350 flags from 2009 was/is available at this site along with thousands of other world-wide entries; see this site for link to current action/civil disobedience on tar sands pipeline;

*pvclimate.org: site of Pioneer Valley action on climate change;

*OrganicGardening.com: site for all kinds of gardening info including organic lawn care and reduced-mowing strategies to save energy;

*uos.harvard.edu/fmo/landscape/organiclandscaping: Harvard University site for info on climate-wise landscaping/lawn ideas and tips on responding to people who complain "Someone isn't mowing the lawn!";

*beyondpesticides.org: source of lawn signs (if you can't make your own) that announce: Pesticide-free Lawn;

*For discussion of the climate crisis / social justice connection, see resistinc.org or email info@resistinc.org;

*EfficientProducts.org offers research results about energy efficiency consumer products including TVs;

*CNET.com rates TV models/other electronics for energy efficiency;

*greenpeace.org/greenelectronics rates electronic products for efficiency, re-cycling (take back) policies, and toxicity; *weaddup.com is a "green" gift site that sells numbered organic cotton tee-shirts, numbers representing all the people in the world wishing to be identified as supporters of "green" climate action;

*greenscapes.org has information about how to have "green" lawns by taking into account climate, terrain, wildflowers, soil types, rainfall averages for your area;

*ChicoBag.com is the home site for the "Bag Monster"--a ChicoBag employee who "dresses up" in 500 plastic bags and roams around in public to get the plastic-bags-are-a-menace message out; worth checking him/her out; Menace? One-time-use plastic bags clog streams and rivers, make floating islands of themselves in the ocean and cause death to many species of land- and sea life;

*portlandonline.com, out of Oregon, has some of the best presented information on energy reduction and related issues on living more healthfully; illustrated;

*Want to calculate your carbon footprint? Try www.carbonfootprint.com/epa/climatechange/emissions/ind_calculator.html; footprintnetwork.org;

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