



# The Green Team News

## August 2015 Newsletter

Dear GREEN TEAM Teacher,

Happy August! Are you enjoying your vacation yet? We here at [THE GREEN TEAM](#) certainly hope so! Summer is flying by and we are busy preparing for another exciting year. GREEN TEAM kits will be mailed in September, but registration for the 2015-2016 school year has started and you can [register now](#) if you'd like to plan ahead. Even if you have registered for a previous school year, remember to register again to participate this school year.

GREEN TEAM members are eligible to request [free equipment](#) including recycling bins, wheeled carts, compost bins, and worms for worm bins. We have equipment in stock at three locations throughout the state. The West Roxbury location will have four scheduled distribution dates for the 2015-2016 school year (one in August, November, March and May). The first distribution date for West Roxbury is August 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The next distribution date will be on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

Are you considering starting a compost program this school year? We have posted a great video about [How to Compost at School](#) on the GREEN TEAM website.

## GREEN TEAM Spotlight

Be sure to check out recent updates to the [2014-2015 GREEN TEAM Spotlight](#) webpage, featuring Massachusetts schools receiving recognition for their outstanding environmental achievements:

- At the Northeast Resource Recover Association (NRRRA) School CLUB's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual School Recycling Conference, the following GREEN TEAM members received awards:
  - **Fritzie Nace**, parent and School Recycling Coordinator, **Winchester Public Schools**: "2014-2015 School Volunteer of the Year"
  - **Gail Bernard**, Danvers DPW Program Coordinator, **Danvers School**

## District: “2014-2015 MA School Recycler of the Year”

Congratulations to these award winners!

- **The Lenox High School Evergreen Club** received a generous grant from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation to restore a butterfly habitat garden in their library courtyard.
- **The Hull High School GREEN TEAM** created [a video](#) of their School Committee presentation about their school composting and recycling program.

### School Programs, Resources, Grants and Professional Development

**August 11** – Green Team equipment distribution day, West Roxbury, 10:00 am. Submit an [equipment request](#) by **Aug. 7** if you want to pick up equipment on Aug. 11.

**August 20** – [Harvard Forest Schoolyard Ecology Summer Institute for Teachers](#) in Petersham, MA. Open to teachers of grades 4-12 to come learn about schoolyard ecology projects that can be done in walking distance to their schools.

**September 1** – Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom [Mini-Grants](#) applications due. Since 1994, Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom (MAC) has been awarding mini-grants to Massachusetts educators for agricultural education projects.

**September 26** – The [Green Apple Day of Service](#) gives parents, teachers, students, companies and local organizations the opportunity to transform their schools into healthy, safe and productive learning environments through local service projects. You can check out [project ideas](#), pick up helpful [event resources](#), read about [last year's impact](#), find an event in your area, and [register your 2015 event](#) today!

**September 29 – October 1** – [Massachusetts Facilities Administrators Association \(MFFA\) Fall Conference](#) in Hyannis, MA. This event combines the MFFA annual conference with their annual Trade Show/Expo. The conference includes a presentation by a MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator on recycling in schools.

**November 5-6** – [Massachusetts Association of Science Teachers \(MAST\) 2015 Annual Conference](#) in Boxborough, MA. The conference theme, ***Enlightening Learners, Empowering Educators***, explores how light-based technologies promote sustainable development and provide solutions to global challenges in energy, education, agriculture and health. [Register today!](#)

We are looking forward to a fantastic year with our new and returning GREEN TEAM members!

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