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Dear Staff and Community,

I hope you had a nice weekend! Congratulations to the Haggerty School for becoming our 8th school to implement full-scale composting! Together we launched the program in mid-October, and are currently working district-wide to spread the "Food to Flowers" program to all of our schools. Thank you to our partner, DPW, and to all of our teachers, students, custodians, kitchen staff, administrators, parents and friends who helped! Thank you, as well, to the Green Streets Initiative for a great year! If you still need to check-in for your mode of transportation from Friday, Oct. 25th, you can do so here: <http://checkin.gogreenstreets.org/>.

Additionally, resources for schools and information on current energy, recycling, composting and all sustainability projects are available online at our Office for Sustainability website: <http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/Sustainability>.

Thank you,

Kristen

Tip of the Week: Turn off your computer (or sleep mode) at the end of the work day to reduce energy usage!

Announcing Cambridge's Curbside Pilot Program!

Do you know any families or households in Cambridge who may want to partake in Cambridge's Curbside Composting "pilot program?" Have you heard the good news? Cambridge is starting a pilot program for curbside compost pickup! The 1-year pilot will run from April 7, 2014~to March 30, 2015.~The City's goal is to recruit 500-800 participating households by December 20, 2013. Participation is voluntary. This is an exciting initiative for the Cambridge community as we become more green and sustainable. Eligible residences must be in a specific area of North Cambridge, have city trash service, and be single family homes up to multi-family buildings with no more than 12 units.

If you want to sign up, please:

- *Check that you live in the green area on the [map](#) (click to enlarge to see street names).~
- *Your residence must get City trash service.~
- *Your home must be a single family, or a multi-family with up to 12 units.~
- *~Complete the "I'm Interested" form at CambridgeMA.Gov/CompostPickup.
- * Sign up by December 20, 2013. Space is limited to 800 households.

Workshops on Transportation Options for Schools

Are your staff members or students interested in participating in a free sustainable transportation / biking workshop? If so, please e-mail Jen Lawrence: jlawrence@cambridgema.gov.

Educational Resources Online

Visit our Office for Sustainability website, and in orange font on the left hand side of the home page, scroll down to Resources. There are education videos, links to online teaching tools, and other resources! <http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/Sustainability>.

[Come See Where Recycling Goes!](#)

City employees and students age 16 and older are invited to tour the [Casella recycling facility](#) in Charlestown on Thursday, November 14 (morning). No children under 16. Tours last about 2 hours and involve walking on narrow catwalks and stairs, close to heavy equipment. You must be walk at a steady pace with a group. We meet at DPW and carpool, so please let us know if you can drive and how many people you can take. Email recycle@cambridgema.gov to sign up and we'll send you more info.

[Free Watt Meters to Borrow at the Library!](#)

Does your classroom want to borrow a Kilowatt Meter to track how much energy your class is using? Schools and Cambridge residents can borrow a "kill-a-watt" meter from the Main Public Library to measure how much electricity their appliances and devices use.~ The meters come with a guide on how to use them and information on how to save energy.~ The meter kits and guide were developed by the [Sprouts of Hope](#) group based at the King Open School.

[Urban Cycling Workshop for Employees](#)

Tuesday, November 5: Urban Cycling Workshop: Urban Cycling and the Law

Time: 7-8 PM / Location: Police Station - 125 6th Street

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/News/2013/07/fallbicycleworkshopsannounced.aspx>

To sign up please RSVP to Jen Lawrence: jlawrence@cambridgema.gov.

[Cambridge Schools Re-use!](#)

In a previous e-mail I promoted that second-hand binders were available from Meryl at DPW. I am pleased to report that they had several requests and more than 300 binders were distributed. Thanks for choosing to reuse!

[Opt out of Unwanted Mail](#)

Do you get unwanted mail at your school or in your mailbox? You can opt out of mailings from over 4000 companies/marketers with Catalog Choice and help our school district reduce waste. For example, you can stop getting weekly circulars from Global Direct, they will honor opt-out requests, so add them to "your choices". Just register for FREE at <https://cambridge.catalogchoice.org> to create an account to start cleaning out your mailbox. ~To date, over 3700 Cambridge residents have signed up and opted out of nearly 25,000 different unwanted mailings!

[Questions about Recycling or Composting?](#)

If you have any questions about recycling or composting, you can reach Meryl Brott, Recycling Program Manager, at mbrott@cambridgema.gov / 617-349-4836.

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