

## Your Next Energy Saving Moves

**Deciding what to buy when you buy BIG stuff:** The Consumer's Guide to Effective Environmental Choices by the Union of Concerned Scientists, makes the case that the best way to reduce your energy costs and your impact on the environment is to make informed decisions when you buy big stuff. Here is some information offered by Greening Greenfield to help with these big decisions - cars - appliances - your home: [Deciding What to Buy](#)

**Get rewards when you carpool, bike, walk, use mass transit, or telecommute.** In 2013, the Mass Department of Transportation created **NuRide**, a free online service where you can get rewards. You can also find carpooling buddies! Click [here](#) to sign up and get started!

**Resources for Homeowners, Renters, and Landlords:** Investing in your home or apartment can cut your heating and electricity costs dramatically – and there are lots of helpful resources.

**How to Find \$\$ to do a Home Energy Upgrade** - Money is usually the obstacle to making energy upgrades to your home. The HEAT loan program offers no interest loans for this work that often can be paid for out of the resulting energy savings. See the [HEAT Loan web site](#) for more information.

**Make a Winsert - an Insider Storm Window.** Windows are often leaky and drafty, but buying new windows is likely not be the most cost effective thing you can do - but adding an insider storm window is! See [Greening Greenfield's instructions](#), a video and more.

**Understand Your Home & Calculate its "MPG".** Use Greening Greenfield's quick "[energy analysis tool](#)" calculate the "mpg" of your home, see how your home compares to others, and the potential you have to reduce your heating and electricity costs. You can also use this excel spreadsheet to analyze emissions from your car.

**Solar Options for your Home & Finding the \$\$** – Incentives change often. Contact local installers for the latest information on costs, and to find out if your home is well suited for solar.

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