

# 11 Things in 2011

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<b>February</b>	<b>Get Electricity from Wind – Sign Up for NSTAR Green</b> <a href="http://www.nstaronline.com/residential">www.nstaronline.com/residential</a> Click on Customer Information and then on NSTAR Green
<b>March</b>	<b>Schedule a Home Energy Audit</b> with Green Homes Brookline <a href="http://www.greenhomesbrookline.org">www.greenhomesbrookline.org</a>
<b>April</b>	<b>Improve Fitness and Health</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Easy:</b> Drink plenty of water and say goodbye to plastic bottles</li><li>• <b>Harder:</b> Bike or take public transportation to work all month</li><li>• <b>Bonus:</b> Unplug for a day over the weekend and visit one of Brookline’s parks with your kids</li></ul>
<b>May</b>	<b>Smart Transportation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Easy:</b> Tune up your car and check the tire pressure</li><li>• <b>Harder:</b> Drive between 45 and 55; turn your engine off when idling for more than a minute</li><li>• <b>Bonus:</b> Carpool or ride your bike!</li></ul>
<b>June</b>	<b>Improve Food Choices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Easy:</b> Shop for locally grown foods at the Farmer’s Market every Thursday</li><li>• <b>Harder:</b> Eat one fewer meat meal each week</li><li>• <b>Bonus:</b> Become a vegetarian</li></ul>
<b>July</b>	<b>Efficient Water Use</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Easy:</b> Drink Brookline’s tap water instead of bottled water or soda</li><li>• <b>Harder:</b> Take shorter showers</li><li>• <b>Bonus:</b> Stop watering your lawn</li></ul>
<b>August</b>	<b>Cool Down</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Easy:</b> Raise your air conditioner to 78° or higher</li><li>• <b>Harder:</b> Replace your old air conditioner with an EnergyStar model</li><li>• <b>Bonus:</b> Use fans instead</li></ul>
<b>Sept</b>	<b>Reduce/Reuse/Recycle</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Easy:</b> Bring reusable bags when shopping</li><li>• <b>Harder:</b> Cancel unwanted catalogs</li><li>• <b>Bonus:</b> Start composting</li></ul>
<b>October</b>	<b>Reduce Electricity Use</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Easy:</b> Use a CFL for your porch light</li><li>• <b>Harder:</b> Change all light bulbs to CFLs or LEDs</li><li>• <b>Bonus:</b> Identify the appliances that leak electricity (often TVs/DVRs) and turn them off</li></ul>
<b>Nov</b>	<b>Clothing Practices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Easy:</b> Wash clothes in cold water</li><li>• <b>Harder:</b> Dress warmly so you can keep your thermostat lower</li><li>• <b>Bonus:</b> Line dry your clothes</li></ul>
<b>Dec</b>	<b>Heat Efficiently</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Easy:</b> Turn your thermostat down at least 2°</li><li>• <b>Harder:</b> Have your furnace tuned</li><li>• <b>Bonus:</b> Consider replacing your furnace with a more efficient model</li></ul>

