



Earth Day 2026 Edition

Earth Day is April 22nd, with many Upcoming Events Honoring our Earth!

Here are just a few:

Saturday, April 18, 2026 - 11am to 3pm

Honor the Earth Fair

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Government Center, 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee
Co-hosted by the Native Land Conservancy and the Mashpee Wampanoag Natural Resources Department, this event is free, open to the public, and features **vendors and exhibitors (including MEC)** with a shared mission of protecting and preserving the ancestral homelands of the Wampanoag. Festivities will include opening remarks by **Mashpee Wampanoag Chief Earl Mills Jr.**, **cultural crafts, traditional singing and dancing**, and **activities for children**. More information is available [here](#). If you attend, please stop by the MEC table and say hello -- and pick up a Yard Sign at the same time! (see section on our Campaign below)

Thursday, April 23, 2026 - 6pm to 8pm

Cresta Alta: Climate Science & Sustainability Documentary Screening

Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, 131 Waquoit Highway (Rt 28), Waquoit

This documentary chronicles a journey to Alaska, Iceland, Chile and Peru to document **glaciological research expeditions and sustainability**. A panel discussion will follow where environmental filmmaker, Todd Anders Johnson, will be joined by local experts working on strategies to increase renewable energy and prepare our communities for climate change impacts. The **Registration link** as well as **additional information** may be found [here](#).

Saturday, April 25, 2026 – 9am to 1pm (Rain or Shine)

Textile Recycling, Secure Shredding, and Composting Earth Day Event

Mashpee Senior Center, 26 Frank E. Hicks Drive, Mashpee

MEC is again partnering with Mashpee's Department of Public Works in holding our **3rd Annual Earth Day Event**. This year's event features **Textile Recycling, Secure Shredding**, and **Composting Containers and Information**. Click [here](#) to view a copy of our **Earth Day 2026 Event Flyer**. The **Full List of Textiles** that may be bagged and dropped off for recycling is available [here](#). Questions may also be sent to info@mashpeemec.us.

Additional Earth Day Events across Cape Cod may be found by clicking on the [Cape-Wide Conservation Calendar of Events](#).

MEC's Chemical-Free Yard Sign Campaign

Since April 2025, MEC's **Chemical-Free Cape Cod Yard Sign Campaign** has been in full swing, aimed at promoting Chemical-Free Yards that are safe for our Children, Pets, Waters - and Nature as a whole.

Already, our signs are proudly being displayed in yards across Cape Cod, including Dennis, Falmouth, Mashpee, Pocasset, and Sandwich. Thanks to all who have chosen to set an example for their friends, neighbors, and local associations - by helping to save our environment, one yard at a time!



Information on how to join our campaign may be found [here](#). Or, pick up a sign at the **April 18th Honor the Earth Fair** or **April 25th Earth Day Event**.

Reminders

Cape-Wide Conservation Calendar of Events

The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts and its nonprofit members publish updates to their **Regional Calendar of Events** on an ongoing basis. This Conservation Calendar includes programs from villages and towns across Cape Cod, encouraging both visitors and residents to take part in nature and environmental events. The wide list of current programs may be accessed at: www.blr.org/capeconservationcalendar.

Cape Cod Freshwater Strategy Report - Ponds and Lakes

The Cape Cod Commission released its final **Cape Cod Freshwater Strategy Report** last summer. This guide outlines a data-driven approach to evaluating, protecting, and restoring Cape Cod's ponds and lakes, and a framework for improving their overall health. Additional information and the report itself may be found [here](#).

State of the Waters: Cape Cod 2025 Report

In December, the Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) released its latest data regarding Cape Cod's **State of the Waters** in our estuaries, ponds, and municipal water supplies. Details may be found at: <https://capecodwaters.org/>.

Textile Recycling is Now Mandatory - It's the Law!

Due to the solid waste crisis in Massachusetts, effective November 2022, it is **now illegal to discard any clothing or other textile item in the trash**, even if stained, ripped, threadbare, or one of a pair. This includes footwear, bedding, table linens, accessories such as belts and scarves, and even stuffed animals for children and pets. The full list of textile items that must now be recycled is available [here](#), courtesy of Bay State Textiles. To assist residents in complying with this law, **MEC now sponsors textile recycling drives twice each year** — in **April** as an Earth Day event, and in **August** alongside the County's Hazardous Waste Dropoff. **In 2026, our Textile Recycling Events are April 25th at the Mashpee Senior Center (see above notice) and August 22nd at the Mashpee Middle-High School**, with details available at www.mashpeemec.us.

River Restoration Projects

Under the program name, "**Source to Sea**," projects continue which aim to help restore the health of the **Mashpee River, Quashnet River, and Red Brook**. To learn more, information may be found at: <https://waquoitbayreserve.org/coastal-training-programs/source-to-sea>

neighbors who may have an interest in this information.

Our thanks to each of you for your own efforts on behalf of our town, our region, and the environment!

To Join or Donate

Our Board meets the 2nd Thursday of each Month (January - November) via Zoom starting at 4pm, and our Annual Meeting immediately precedes the September Board Meeting. All are welcome.

The Mashpee Environmental Coalition (MEC) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization – dedicated to educating and advocating on behalf of our natural resources for over 25 years.

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