

# Holidays19

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Wishing you all a Happy Holiday Season



## Emerald Ash Borer in Vermont!

With firewood deliveries actively occurring, it's important to remember that untreated ash firewood should never move out of infested areas. Insure that your purchase or transportation of both log length and split firewood will not unnecessarily spread EAB. Here's [HOW](#)

Canadian scientists have figured out how to control the tree-killing emerald ash borer by employing a fatal fungus. Male emerald ash borers infected with the fungus readily transmit it females during mating, with both dying. Read more [HERE](#)

Assisting in the 20th annual RiverSweep cleanup event in September, students from Cavendish and Ludlow heeded the call to tackle river trash in their communities while a couple dozen volunteers of the Black River Action Team scoured the bed and banks of the river in Springfield. See photos and learn more about keeping your waters clean [HERE](#)



How to support BRAT without dipping into your wallet

1) Bring redeemable cans & bottles to the Springfield Redemption Center (near Riverside Middle School) -- say it's for Black River Action Team. They keep a tally and send a check when there's enough!

2) Many empty printer cartridges are eligible for us to ship to a recycle program, qualifying for anything from 25 cents to \$1 apiece. [Let me know](#), we can work out a pickup time & place.

Keeping the waste stream trimmed & your basement cleaner while making a few bucks for BRAT - it's a win, win all around!

*Wishing you a very lovely, peaceful, and healthy holiday.*



### Cady Brook Trail - Hartland, VT

A grant through the Department of Environmental Conservation, this section of trail was dug up and repaired after years of water erosion had undermined the trail which produced dangerous holes for trail users. Two undersized culverts will be repaired in 2020. For more information on obtaining a grant to mitigate water erosion on trails, contact [ONRCD](#)

## Recycle

computers - TV - batteries- paint - fluorescent bulbs - mercury thermostats

NO COST TO YOU

Learn how [HERE](#)



Would you pay more to avoid using plastic?

Two thirds of Americans said...YES. These poll results come as environmental experts project disastrous levels of plastic that are already permeating the water you drink, the food you eat and the air you breathe. [READ](#)

## Food for Thought

Farmers, nonprofits, researchers and food conglomerates are trying to find ways to create markets for crops that, if grown in rotation among the corn and soy, can not only reduce fertilizer runoff but also boost soil health in a number of other ways. What are the consequences of "one crop fields"? [READ](#) this article.



## Farm Management Development Seminar Series

December 5 - February 20

Make educated decisions about farm operations using financial information, market conditions, location and available resources. 10 seminars to choose from. \$25 includes lunch. Sign up [HERE](#)



On October 31, Julie Brown's Woodstock Union Structured Literacy class needed a hands-on experience to round out their studies in forestry. A landowner in Bridgewater, Howard and Nancy Jonas, and US Fish & Wildlife needed a team to plant 50 bareroot trees. ONRCD



recognized this unique opportunity to mesh students with professionals in a real-life situation and eagerly offered to put the event together



Despite rain in the forecast, all parties converged in the Jonas cornfield at 8:30 AM. Annalise Carington, US Fish & Wildlife, explained her role in the Trees for Streams program. "Getting to see the plantings 3-4 years later is the highlight of my job," she told the students. "I get to see forests reborn." Retired Windsor County Forester, Jon Bouton, took the lead in showing the students how to identify the trees and both he and Annalise demonstrated how to plant the bare root trees stressing that planting too deep was the most common error. There was no lack of enthusiasm in the group with the job done by 10:30. ONRCD thanks all involved for a great educational experience, not just for the students, but for all.

Take 2 Minutes.....  
To view a [video](#) taken from a game camera in the Okemo Wildlife corridor from Sept - Oct - Nov.  
A most pleasant diversion....



### Tree Crown "Shyness"?????

First observed in the 1920s, the uppermost branches of certain tree species that don't like to touch one



another. Why? Read [MORE](#) to find out!

### The Humpback Whale Success Story

Intense pressure from the whaling industry in the early 1900s saw the western South Atlantic population of humpbacks diminish to only 450 whales. Today's population is 25,000. [MORE](#)



### HOW CAN YOU HELP SAVE OUR RIVERS?

Volunteer - join a 4 state effort to remove trash

Donate - \$6.70 will help keep CRC working

Attend events - Learn more about our waterways

Read more [HERE](#)

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