

**Ecological Landscaping Association's 18th Annual
Conference & Eco-Marketplace**

March 7 and 8, 2012

MassMutual Center, Springfield, Massachusetts
Transportation and Lodging Tips

Located at the "crossroads of New England," Springfield, Massachusetts is at the intersection of I-91 and I-90, and is easily accessible by airplane, train, bus, or car. The following information will help you to locate and contact:

- [The MassMutual Center](#)
- [The Springfield Marriott](#) ~ Special Conference Rate through **February 17, 2012**. You must mention ELA or Ecological Landscaping Association when registering to receive this special rate which is not available at check-in.

Bradley International Airport is just 18 miles away and is served by all major airlines. Amtrak provides scheduled rail service to the city center and Peter Pan Bus Lines is headquartered here, offering daily service to the Northeast and beyond.

MassMutual Center

1277 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01103

(413) 787-6610 (phone)

<http://www.massmutualcenter.com>

Location:

The MassMutual Center is located in Springfield's Downtown section, minutes from hotels, bus and train stations. Patrons should enter the MassMutual Center at the entrance on the corner of Main Street and Falcons Way (formerly East Court Street).

Driving Directions:

Traveling North on I-91, take Exit 6 (Springfield Center), onto East Columbus Avenue. Continue up East Columbus Avenue (about ¼ mile) to Court Street. Take a right onto Court Street and proceed past Symphony Hall, City Hall and Sovereign Bank. The MassMutual Center is located at the corner of Falcons Way and Main Street across from Court Square.

Traveling South on I-91, take Exit 7 (Springfield Center Columbus Avenue). Turn left at the light at the end of the ramp. Circle under the highway and go straight through one light. Take a right at the second light onto Main Street. The MassMutual Center is located at 1277 Main Street across from Court Square.

Traveling West on Rt. 90, take Exit 6 off the Massachusetts Turnpike to Rt. 291. From Rt. 291 take Dwight Street Exit. Turn left at the end of the ramp and follow Dwight Street to the MassMutual Center.

Traveling East on Rt. 90, take Exit 4 off the Massachusetts Turnpike onto I-91 South.

RIDESHARE

Need a ride to the ELA Conference? Or have an extra seat in your car to bring a colleague? We have set up a matching service on eRideShare.

To login and search for "Rides Needed" or to post "Rides Offered," visit the dedicated URL for the ELA group: <http://ela.erideshare.com> Group password: ecolandscape.

PARKING

The MassMutual Center doesn't own or operate any local parking facilities. However, there are several parking lots and garages in the area.

Civic Center Parking Garage

This garage is located directly across from the MassMutual Center on Falcons Way. Per request of the MassMutual Center parking for all events is **only \$7**. The maximum height is 6'2". For more information call (413) 732-3120.

Columbus Avenue – South Garage

This garage is located on Columbus Avenue just two blocks from the MassMutual Center. For more information visit <http://www.parkspa.com/> or call the Springfield Parking Authority at (413) 787-6118.

Springfield Parking Authority (SPA)

For information about other nearby lots visit <http://www.parkspa.com/> or call the Springfield Parking Authority at 413-787-6118.

Springfield Marriott Hotel

2 Boland Way
Springfield, Massachusetts 01115
(413) 781-7111

<http://www.springfieldmarriottma.com/>

The Springfield Marriott is located off I-91 in downtown Springfield.

Special Room Rates for Conference Attendees:

Rooms at the Springfield Marriott are available to attendees for \$109 per night for either a King or Queen, non-smoking room (high speed internet is included). Reservations will be taken no later than February 17, 2012. You can register directly using this ELA group rate link:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bdlma?groupCode=ELAELAA&app=resvlink&fromDate=3/6/12&toDate=3/9/12>

When registering online use the ELA group code when asked for the "Group or Promotional Code": **ELAELAA**

Or call (413) 781-7111 or 1-800-228-9290 and specify the ELA group code: **ELAELAA**.
Attendees must mention the ELA group code, ELA, or the Ecological Landscaping Association when registering to get the discount.
THE DISCOUNT IS NOT AVAILABLE AT CHECK IN.

Springfield Marriott Parking:

Discounted rates for ELA overnight hotel guests is \$14.00; Attendee day: \$5.00.

Location:

The Springfield Marriott is located in the heart of the Springfield, with breathtaking views of the Connecticut River.

Driving Directions:

Traveling East or West on Rt. 90, take Exit 4 off the Massachusetts Turnpike. Proceed onto I-91 South to Exit 7 (Springfield Center/Columbus Avenue). Take the first left onto Boland Way and travel straight through the next light. The hotel will be on the right.

Traveling South on Rt. 91, take Interstate 91 South to Exit 7. Take the first left onto Boland Way and travel straight through the next light. The hotel will be on the right.

Traveling From Bradley International Airport/New York (South), take Route 91 North to Exit 6 (Springfield Center). Continue on Columbus Avenue to the 3rd set of lights. Turn right onto Boland Way and the hotel entrance will be on the right.

DAYS INN

429 Riverdale Street
(Exit 3 off of I-91)
West Springfield, MA 01089
Phone: 1-413-785-5365
\$79/night plus tax.

Continental Breakfast and free Internet included.

<http://www.daysinn.com/DaysInn/control/index?variant>

(Under 3 miles to Mass Mutual Center at 1277 Main Street, Springfield, MA)

Transportation

In addition to driving, Springfield, Massachusetts is easily accessible from Bradley International Airport (served by all major airlines), regional airports, regularly scheduled rail service, daily bus service throughout the region, rental car, and taxi.

AIRPORTS

Barnes Municipal Airport

110 Airport Road, Westfield, 01085
413-572-6275

Bradley International Airport

Windsor Locks, CT 06096

New England's second-largest airport, Bradley offers 294 daily flights on 15 airlines and 4 low-fare carriers to 66 cities, and 35 non-stop flights throughout the U.S., Canada and the Caribbean. Eight car rental companies and plentiful on-airport parking.

Exit 40 off I-91.

860-292-2000 <http://www.bradleyairport.com/>

Northampton Airport

Old Ferry Road, P.O. Box 221, Northampton, 01060
413-584-7980

Westover Metropolitan Airport

255 Padgette Street, Chicopee, 01022
413-593-5543 <http://www.wmass-arptcef.com/>

TRAINS

Amtrak

Union Station
66 Lyman Street, Springfield, 01103
800-USA-RAIL <http://www.amtrak.com/>

BUS

Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

2808 Main Street, Springfield, 01107
413-781-PVTA <http://www.pvta.com/>