



EARTH DAY: SUNDAY, APRIL 22

The phrase *“Think Globally —Act Locally”* can inspire each of us to make simple considerations and small changes that improve our environment.



CCD Holiday Schedule

There will be no collection of waste or recyclables on the following holidays:

Memorial Day: Monday, May 28

4th of July: Wednesday, July 4

All collections following a weekday holiday will be delayed one day.

For more information visit www.ccdisposal.com/schedules.asp.

THINK GLOBALLY

With the human population on Earth now exceeding seven billion, the call to address environmental protection and preservation grows. There are several organizations promoting national and international environmental efforts.



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s *“State of the Environment”*



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is inviting people across the world to share their best Earth Day photos through the Flickr website. To participate, take a photo anytime during the 24-hours of April 22, then upload it to your Flickr account to share with the “State of the Environment” group.

The Nature Conservancy’s *“Picnic for the Planet”*

The Nature Conservancy is inviting people to join a picnic, or host their own in recognition of Earth Day. Locally, a picnic and family-friendly bird walk is planned at Silver Creek Preserve, Sunday, April 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Pack your own lunch; drinks and a snack are provided.)





ACT LOCALLY

You can't get more local than your own house for environmental and money-saving action. For spring cleaning chores, use non-disposable items such as mops and reusable rags or sponges. Buy or make your own less toxic cleaning products. These earth-friendlier cleaning products are also money savers! Here are three:

All-Purpose Cleaner (suggested uses: countertops, kitchen floors, windows and mirrors)

- 2 cups white distilled vinegar
- 2 cups water
- 20-30 drops of essential oil (optional)

Toilet Bowl Cleaner

• Sprinkle toilet bowl with baking soda, drizzle with vinegar, let soak for at least 30 minutes and scrub with toilet brush.

Laundry Detergent

- 1 cup soap flakes (Soap flakes can be made by grating your favorite pure vegetable soap with a cheese grater.)
- ½ cup washing soda
- ½ cup Borax

- Mix ingredients together and store in a glass container.
- Use 1 tablespoon per load (2 for heavily soiled laundry), wash in warm or cold water.

More inspirational ideas can be found at earthday2012.net

For more information about Earth Day 2012 and the various campaigns, please visit www.earthday.org/2012



THE HISTORY of Earth Day

In 1970, Americans were slurping leaded gas through massive V8 sedans. Industry belched out smoke and sludge with little fear of legal consequences or bad press. Although mainstream America remained oblivious to environmental concerns, the stage had been set for change by the publication of Rachel Carson's *New York Times* bestseller *Silent Spring* in 1962. The book was a watershed moment for the environmental movement, raising public awareness and concern for living organisms, the environment and public health.

The idea of Earth Day came to founder Gaylord Nelson, then a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, after witnessing the ravages of the 1969 massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. Inspired by the student anti-war movement, he realized that if he could infuse that energy with an emerging consciousness about air and water pollution, it would force environmental protection onto the national political agenda.

On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans took to the streets, parks, and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment in massive coast-to-coast rallies.

Earth Day 1970 achieved a rare political alignment which led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts.