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# Happy Earth Day!!



Earth Day is an annual event, celebrated on April 22, on which day events worldwide are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was first celebrated in 1970, and is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network and celebrated in more than 193 countries each year.

## WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS EARTH DAY

On Earth Day 2016, the landmark Paris Agreement is scheduled to be signed by the United States, China, and some 120 other countries. This signing satisfies a key requirement for the entry into force (55 nations representing 55% of global carbon emissions are required) of the historic draft climate protection treaty adopted by consensus of the 195 nations present at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris.

## WHY PARTICIPATE?

To honor the earth by slightly changing your normal routine you can make significant improvements in the health of the environment.

## SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Here is a list of things you can do by yourself or with your family. Sharing with your family shows the younger generation to be more careful with our resources.

- **Do a Home Energy Audit**
  - **Set Thermostats Correctly**
  - **Inspect Insulation**
- **Clean Out Your Closet and Donate to a Charity**
- **Plant a Tree**

- **Native Flora**
- **Volunteer for an Environmental Charity**
- **Go Vegan or Vegetarian for the Day**
- **Switch Over from Disposable Coffee Cups To A Ceramic Mug**
- **Set up a Work Carpool**
- **Find Area Events**
- **Fix Leaky Faucets**
- **Make a Recycling Plan**
- **Give Up Bottled Water**
  - **Most Bottled Water is Tap Water; Save \$ & Waste**
- **Buy Local**
  - **Farmers Markets**
- **Go Paperless**
- **Organize a Beach Cleanup**
- **Walk Instead of Drive**

## Helpful Links

- [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org)
- [www.orangecounty.net/html/earthday.html](http://www.orangecounty.net/html/earthday.html)
- <http://www.cityplants.org/>
- <https://www3.epa.gov/climatechange/ghgemissions/global.html>



**Get out and enjoy this wonderful planet!**