

# What can you do to help tidy up the world?

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### Trivia

See Page 19 for some Earth Day water trivia.

**W**ith Earth Day approaching, see how you can help keep Earth healthy.

Maintaining an unpolluted world sounds like a large task, but there are ways to help.

Read the following tips to help you do your part in keeping our planet healthy and clean.



### Earth Day

We celebrate Earth Day on April 22.

It brings awareness of the earth's environment and encourages people to conserve it.

Earth Day marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970.

Gaylord Nelson, who was a Senator from Wisconsin at the time, founded Earth Day in 1970. He held the first-ever nationwide environmental protest, in which more than 20 million people participated in that year. Today, more than 500 million people across the world observe the celebration.

Earth Day continues to grow in popularity today. It promotes the importance of recycling, conservation and the continued fight against pollution, toxins, pesticides, loss of wilderness, extinction of wildlife and other factors involved

with the deterioration of the environment.

### Help keep Earth clean

The following are some way to keep a clean and healthy environment.

- Limit use of water by turning off the faucet when brushing your teeth. Shorten the time you spend in the shower by five minutes.

- Recycle. More than 380 billion plastic bags, sacks and wraps are used each year in the United States. Hundreds of thousands of animals die each year from eating discarded plastic bags mistaken for food. An estimated 12 million barrels of oil is used annually to make plastic bags in the United States alone. Stop using plastic and paper bags. Instead, buy a reusable bag.

- Tell your parents to replace a 75 watt light bulb with a 20 watt florescent bulb. You will get the same amount of light but save around \$55 on the electric bill. It also will prevent 1,300 pounds of C2 from entering the environment. The new bulbs also will last up to 7 to 10 years.

- Buy organic foods. Each year, 375,000 pounds of pesticides are used on crops in the country. With organic agriculture, water contamination is reduced, soil quality is improved, groundwater pollution is reduced and wildlife is protected.

- Buy non-toxic household cleaners. It will keep water and aquatic life healthy.



### Word search

Find these Earth Day words hidden in the puzzle below. Words can be found diagonally, vertically or horizontally. Answers can be found on Page 19.

Sources: River Raisin Watershed Council and Earth Day Network

### Hidden words:

- PLANET
- ENVIRONMENT
- POLLUTION
- EXTINCTION
- PESTICIDES
- ORGANIC
- CONTAMINATION
- RECYCLE
- TOXINS
- CONSERVATION
- REUSE
- REDUCE

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