

Earth Day

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Earth Day is a day to celebrate the earth. To acknowledge the earth. To be thankful for it. Earth Day is a day to acknowledge the environmental issues our planet is facing and to help try to fix them. Earth Day is a day to protect the world from things like deforestation and pollution. To help clean up our world and to help keep it natural. Some things that we can do to help are keep rivers clean. We can pick up trash along the side of the road. If everyone picks up a little bit of trash, even a little, it will help. A little can turn into a lot.

The first Earth Day was held in 1970 when a senator from Wisconsin organized a national demonstration to raise awareness about environmental issues. Rallies happened all over the United States, and by the end of the year, the government had made the Environmental Protection Agency. By 1990, Earth Day was a global holiday (National Geographic).

Some things that you can do to help our planet are riding a bike or walk if you are near your destination. You could also use an electric bike or an electric car for longer trips. Other alternatives to an electric car are hybrids.

A plastic bottle takes over 450 years to break down. Plastic bottles are bad for the earth. If you don't need to use one, try to use a reusable water bottle. Before you throw away a plastic bottle, think about other things you could use it for. Or maybe you could think about an alternative before you buy it. If you forget a water bottle, and you need water, then maybe you could buy one and use it more than once.

Researchers estimate that roughly 15 billion trees are cut down annually (National Geographic). Something that you could do to help is plant your own tree. Trees produce oxygen, so they keep us alive. They also give animals like squirrels, owls, and woodpeckers food and homes.

If you use a lot of electricity at home or work, consider getting solar panels. If you don't like the idea of solar panels, then you could use a power company that uses wind power or hydro-power. Both of these options use nature to harness energy. A lot of times we use fossil fuels to power our homes. The problem is that fossil fuels contribute to climate change.

Yet another thing that you can do to help is you could conserve water. You could save water by turning off the faucet while brushing your teeth. Or if you are hand-washing dishes and you get pulled away for a minute, you should turn off the water while you are gone.

This year for Earth Day, you can volunteer your time and get outside to pick up trash. Even a little because it makes a difference.

I love Vermont because it is lush and green, and I want Vermont to stay that way. We have beautiful green mountains and deep clear rivers. Vermont is beautiful, and we should work hard to keep it that way.

I have a lot of things that I enjoy doing outside. I love to ski. If global warming continues, then we will not have as much snow. This year, we have had a very short ski season. We barely had any snow, and the conditions were bad. It was also extremely icy.

Another thing that I love to do is go water-walking. That is what we call it in my family. It is when you go to a river and just walk in it. Going upstream is really fun. Then we tube down.

One more thing I love to do is garden. My brother and I have a small plot of land in our backyard. We plant foods like pumpkins, carrots, and tomatoes. We plant flowers like marigolds, bachelors buttons, and sunflowers. It is amazing to watch everything grow, and unfold. When we think that our garden is finished growing, we set up a stand on the side of the road. We don't get many people to stop, maybe one person a year, but it is fun to spend the day outside.

Something that I love about Vermont is the snowy winters. With global warming, we will not get as much snow. I love the snow.

Picking up trash is actually an extremely satisfying thing to do (I know It doesn't sound satisfying). My family has a golf cart, and every year, usually in the spring, we drive up and down the road with big plastic garbage bags. We root through the underbrush along the side of the road, and if we see trash, we pick it up. If you pick up trash, but you want to wear gloves, you should use garden gloves or winter gloves. Plastic gloves are not eco-friendly.

If you go outside and pick up trash this Earth Day, thank you. We appreciate it.