



Green

tips



Mark your calendars!

The Amazing Eau Claire Clean-up

Clean our parks, plant trees and prepare flowerbeds for spring planting! Snacks and prizes to follow!

Sat, April 25 at 9:00 am

Sign up: Marybeth.Berry@ci.eau-claire.wi.us before April 17!



"Sweet April showers do spring May flowers"
 –Thomas Tusser

History: Earth Day

April 22

On the first Earth Day in **1970**, 22 million Americans celebrated clean air, land, and water.

It may be hard to imagine that before 1970, a factory could spew black clouds of toxic into the air or dump tons of toxic waste into a nearby stream, and that was perfectly legal. They could not be taken to court to stop it.

How was that possible? Because there was no EPA, no Clean Air Act, no Clean Water Act. There were no legal or regulatory mechanisms to protect our environment.

In spring 1970, **Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson** created

Earth Day as a way to force this issue onto the national agenda. Twenty million

Americans demonstrated in different U.S. cities, and it worked! In December 1970, **Congress** authorized the creation of a new federal agency to tackle environmental issues, the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**.

www.epa.gov



What can I do for Earth Day?

The possibilities for getting involved are endless! Volunteer. Go to a festival. Install solar panels on your roof. Organize an event in your community. Change a habit. Help launch a community garden.

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Communicate your priorities to your elected representatives. Do something nice for the Earth, have fun, meet new people, and make a difference. But you needn't wait for April 22!

Earth Day is Every Day.

www.earthday.org

Green Solutions

- Configure your printer or copy machine so it prints on **both sides of the page**.
- Pay bills online, or set up automatic check paying from your bank account. No envelopes, no postage!
- Driving **10 mph above 60** is like adding **\$0.50** to the price of a **gallon of gas**.
- Recycling a **six-pack** of aluminum cans every week, saves enough energy to power a television for **936 hours**.



But most importantly... **Switching off your computer** at night will save enough energy in a year to make **35,000 cups of coffee!**



Movie Time!

Thursday April 23 at 7:00
 Watch **"Growing Cities: A Film about Urban Farming in America"** in Woodland Theater, Davies Center UWEC.
 Free event, but donation from community members is encouraged.

