

# EARTH DAY, APRIL 22ND CELEBRATING 45 YEARS



Eight years before the first Earth Day was celebrated, Senator Gaylord Nelson began speaking on environmental awareness. The general public took notice before those in the political arena and the momentum of the grassroots demonstration for the first Earth Day in 1970 has carried the World forward, continuing the celebration.



Earth Day is a celebration of our planet and allows people from all walks of life to participate. Simple or complex, what you can do to improve the environment—where you live, work, and play—will carry forward. Plant a native tree or wildflower; begin recycling at home; or help clean up your neighborhood/community areas are easy ways to begin.

**Locally there are ways that you can participate in Earth Day and begin to improve the environment to carry it forward for future generations:**

If you are in Richmond you can **recycle at your curbside**—call the Richmond Sanitary District to get a blue Richie Roller. 983-7450 It is FREE to participate in this program!!  
[www.richmondindiana.gov/recycling](http://www.richmondindiana.gov/recycling)



If storm drains are not marked in your neighborhood, or if they need re-marked, contact the Conservation Education Coordinator for materials!  
[www.richmondindiana.gov/stormwater](http://www.richmondindiana.gov/stormwater)

Watch for upcoming activities that you can participate in, including neighborhood clean ups, river clean ups, trail cleans ups, and so much more!

Go on walks with your family and pets and take along gloves and bags to pick up any trash you see. Also, be sure to pick up after your pet—not only is that the responsible thing to do, it also keeps it from polluting local streams, rivers, and other water bodies!



When shopping, take reusable bags to carry your purchases home. If using the plastic bags at the store, return them for recycling.  
[www.plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org)

**Attend the Family Earth Day Celebration**—our local Earth Day event—on Saturday, April 25th from 10AM to 2PM Richmond Family YMCA, 1215 South J Street, Richmond, Indiana [www.familyearthdaycelebration.org](http://www.familyearthdaycelebration.org) IT'S FREE!!

**Other opportunities to reduce your impact on Earth—buy local, donate to/shop consignment stores, visit libraries, download e-books & music, be energy efficient, don't waste water, walk or bike when you can, compost, protect the soil from erosion, and think before you act!!**