

# Earth Day



Earth Day is the largest, most widely celebrated international environmental event. Every year April 22<sup>nd</sup> is observed as the Earth day.

Earth has unique place in the universe. It is the only planet in our solar system teeming with incredible biodiversity. Learning about and protecting this biodiversity is what Earth Day is all about. People all over the world celebrate the efforts made to protect plants and animals and to clean up the world we live in. Countries all over the world celebrate it in different ways. Senator Gaylord Nelson of the United States founded Earth Day. It was first observed on April 22, 1970 in the United States. Earth Day's success helped influence the government to create stronger laws to protect the environment.

Earth Day reminds us that we all share the same planet. Sharing Earth means taking responsibility for what we use and how we use it. It is a day to think of the environmental challenges we face and how to solve them. Protecting Earth is every person's and every country's responsibility.

Here are few ways you can help Earth every day.

- \* Walk or ride a bicycle to school, the park or the store. Encourage your parents to walk or ride too. This is the great way to reduce the pollution.
- \* Plant trees
- \* Do not litter on the road. This will help to keep the environment free of contaminants.
- \* Create a compost pit for food scraps and plant waste from the garden.
- \* Recycling. By giving old things a new life we put less pressure on important resources.
- \* Switching to energy – efficient light bulbs in your house.
- \* Use re-useable containers for lunches and snacks.

So, there are many different things each of us can do to help protect species, keep Earth clean, and fix damage that has been done.

