

**EARTH DAY**  
**APRIL 22,**  
**2010**

**EARTH WEEK**  
**APRIL 19 – 23,**  
**2010**

On April 22, 1970, the first Earth Day was held. Today more than 500 million people in 175 countries celebrate Earth Day! Students spend the day learning about environmental issues, while activists use the day to rally for new environmental policies. If you want to get involved in Earth Day and see what you can do to help, check out [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org)

No job is too big  
No action is too small  
For the care of the Earth  
Is the task for us all!



**WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO AT HOME DURING EARTH WEEK TO HELP THE PLANET?**

**LET US KNOW AND YOU COULD WIN A SPECIAL EARTH-FRIENDLY PRIZE.**

Here are a few ideas:

- Trade books, magazines and newspapers with friends and relatives or use the library.
  - Carpool, ride a bike or walk to school to save energy.
- Donate when possible. Charities are always happy to accept your unwanted but still usable items, such as clothing, toys, eyeglasses, etc. You can bring your eyeglasses, gym shoes and cell phones to school and the FCW PTA will donate them
- Pack a waste-free lunch. Put the drink, sandwich and chips in a reusable container, in a reusable lunch bag. Use cloth napkins instead of paper napkins. Try doing this everyday, not just on Whiteley Green Days. ☺
- Take your own cloth bag to the grocery store, instead of using paper and plastic bags. To learn how to make your own bag from old t-shirts go to [www.FCWPTA.org/gogreen](http://www.FCWPTA.org/gogreen)
- Do not use a grass catcher with your lawn mower. Leave the grass clippings on the ground, they return nutrients to the soil.
  - Do not turn the faucet on full blast. Turn off the water faucet when brushing your teeth.
  - If you are running the water and waiting for it to turn hot/cold, collect the water in a pitcher to water your plants.
  - When taking a shower, shut the water off while you soap up, then rinse. Try to limit your showers to five minutes.
    - Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap each time you want a drink.
  - Remember to turn off the lights or any other appliances when you are not using them (TV, radio, computer, etc)!
    - Never throw things away unless you use a trash container.
  - Set a good example for your friends. Remind your friends that **EVERY LITTER BIT HURTS**.
    - Organize a clean up day near your school with classmates.
    - The next time something is broken try to repair it instead of replacing it
      - Have a yard sale with your family or friends.
      - Bring your own bag. Bring your own bottle.
    - **Precycle!** To learn about precycling go to [www.planetpals.com](http://www.planetpals.com)

Here are more links to other fun sites about Earth Day:

[www.kaboose.com](http://www.kaboose.com)

[www.wilderness.org](http://www.wilderness.org)

[www.kids.gov](http://www.kids.gov)

[www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org)

[www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com)

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How I helped the Earth during Earth Week \_\_\_\_\_

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