



Environmental Observances To Know Other Than Earth Day

Earth Day is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate environmental support and promote awareness on subjects such as clean air, water and energy. And while April 22 has become the most well-known and celebrated day dedicated to environmental advocacy, there are many lesser known observances to take advantage of throughout the year. Here are few to mark on your calendar to inspire your year-round environmental attention.

Zero Emissions Day

When: September 21

What: Global 24-hour moratorium on the use of fossil fuels to give our planet “a day off”. Inspired by the awareness that earth civilizations have been accelerating exponentially fed by the continuous consumption of our finite fossil fuel resources for over two centuries.

How to Celebrate: Don’t use or burn oil or gas or coal. Minimize (or eliminate) your use of electricity generated by fossil fuels (with the exception of essential and emergency services). Plan ahead to eat all the perishables in your fridge leading up to the event so food doesn’t spoil.

America Recycles Day

When: November 15

What: An initiative by Keep America Beautiful to promote environmental citizenship, and encourage recycling in the U.S.

How to Celebrate: Take the pledge to recycle on the official America Recycles Day (ARD) website, learn more about recycling or consider hosting a recycling event in your area.

Arbor Day

When: Last Friday in April

What: An annual observance that celebrates the role of trees in our lives, their importance and promotes tree planting and care.

How to Celebrate: Plant a tree in your community or volunteer at a local tree-planting organization.

World Environment Day

When: June 5

What: Ran by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to raise global awareness to take positive environmental action to protect nature and the planet Earth

How to Celebrate: Organize clean up campaigns, art exhibits, tree-planting drives, concerts, dance recitals, recycling drives, social media campaigns and different contests themed around caring for the planet.

World Water Day

When: March 5

What: A day when the world turns its attention towards the 750 million people who lack access to safe water.

How to Celebrate: Make the most of the water you use in your home. Make the most of the water you use in your home. Consider taking shorter showers. Invest in a low-flow toilet or put a plastic bottle filled with water in your toilet tank to reduce the amount of water used per flush. Turn off the tap while brushing teeth or shaving. Run dishwashers or laundry machines only when full. Use water left over from cooking for houseplants.