Eco-Tips

April 2023

Earth Day is annual celebration that honors the achievements of the environmental movement and raises awareness of the need to protect Earths natural resources for future generations.

Earth Day!

Saturday April 22nd , 2023

This years theme:

Invest In Our Planet

Pick Up Litter

There are nearly 50 Billion Pieces of litter along U.S. roadways and waterways.

Switch to a Reusable water bottle

Using a reusable bottles saves 156 single-use plastic bottles annually.

Humans use about 1.2 million plastic bottles per minute.

Use what you have!

Get creative and turn something old into something else to extend its life.

Bring Reusable Bags Shopping

Americans use 100 billion plastic bags a year which requires 12 million barrels of oil to manufacture. One person uses on average 365 bags a year.

Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot, Reinvent, Repair, Reclaim, Repurpose

Recycle Right

Learn what can be recycled in your county.

Remember Everyday is Earth Day!

Encourage others to participate

Take on a Earth Day Challenge

- Go one week without buying anything made of plastic or packaged in plastic.
- Go two weeks without buying anything new.
- Use reusable napkins instead of paper
- Calculate your carbon footprint

- Pack a Zero waste lunch
- Read a book or watch a documentary about an environmental issue
- Participate in a clean up event
- Shop local or secondhand

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How to Recycle Right in Perry County!

-No Bags! (grocery or trash)

-Don't leave recycling on the ground!

-Read signs posted on drop-off

-Flatten all cardboard

Earth Day Timeline

1963: Senator Gaylord Nelson accompanies President John F. Kennedy on a speaking tour around the U.S. to raise awareness about environmental issues. Protecting the environment remains a low priority.

1969: Chemicals released into Cleveland's Cuyahoga River causes it to catch fire becoming symbolic of how industrial pollution is damaging America's natural resources. Senator Nelson announces idea for Earth Day, a demonstration against the degradation of America's natural resources.

1970: April 22nd 20 million people participate in activities for the **first Earth Day in the U.S.** Environmental advocacy group Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) founded. In December the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is established by President Nixon. Clean Air Act passed.

1971: Environmental activists organization Greenpeace is founded.

1972: Congress passes Clean Water Act.

1973: Congress passes the Endangered Species Act to protect animals and their ecosystems.

1980: After leaving Senate, Nelson becomes a counselor for the Wilderness Society, an environmental group.

1990: 20th Anniversary of Earth Day celebrations go global with over 140 countries participating.

1995: Nelson receives the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

2000: Hundreds of millions of people in 184 countries celebrate the 30th anniversary of Earth day focusing on Clean Energy.

2010: In honor of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day a climate rally and concert is held on the National Mall in Washington D.C.

2018: Swedish teenager and climate activist Greta Thunberg begins protesting.

2019: The United Nations Climate Summit takes place and sets deadline for achieving net zero emissions to 2050.

2020: The 50th anniversary of Earth Day centered around the theme of Climate Action.
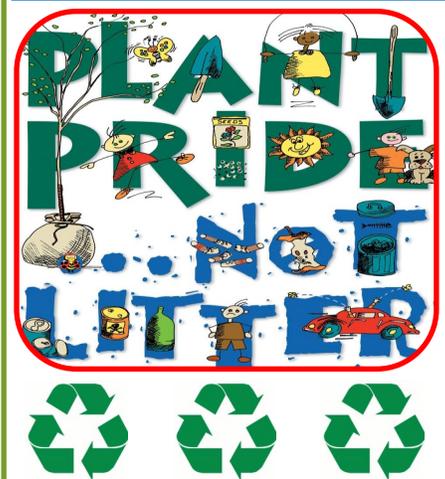
Clean Up Months

April and May are clean up months in Perry County!

There are 152 pieces of litter on the ground for every person in America.

Help reduce this by cleaning up trash along roadways, parks, streams/creeks and sidewalks.

Report dumpers to 740-342-7881

Recycle Right!

- Cardboard
- Paper
- #1 Plastic
- #2 Plastic
- Brown/Clear Glass
- Aluminum Cans
- Steel Cans