

10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY ON APRIL 22



1. Combine a daily walk or bike ride with running a few errands and consider riding a bike or walking to work. It cuts down on extra car trips and adds exercise into your daily routine!



2. When you must drive, drive smart! Don't overfill/top off at gas stations, make sure your tires are properly inflated, and keep your car's engine tuned up. When it's time to buy a new vehicle, consider a an electric, hybrid-electric, or hydrogen fuel-cell vehicle. Find incentives at www.driveclean.ca.gov.



3. If you have the option, consider teleworking. The average employee who teleworks rather than commuting saves 156 gallons of gas and 2,923 pounds of Carbon Dioxide per year!



4. Get rid of your gas-burning lawnmower, leaf blower, trimmer, or other lawn care equipment for cleaner, quieter electric versions. Find incentives at www.aqmd.gov/lawnandgarden



5. Invest in energy saver and renewable energy appliances such as efficient space and water heaters, induction cooktops, washers, dryers, dishwashers, and refrigerators when it's time to upgrade.



6. Save on your electricity bill by installing solar panels, request green power from your utility, or join a community choice aggregator.



7. Cut down your household energy usage by setting your water heater temperature to 120° F (48°C), and using major appliances off-hours, such as before 4:30 p.m. and after 9:00 p.m.



8. Buy locally grown produce and products whenever possible. When ordering items to be delivered, consolidate packages to reduce shipping materials and fuel used for transport.



9. Be mindful of household waste and help keep unnecessary excess out of landfills. Recycling and reusing materials improve air quality by reducing greenhouse gasses produced by landfills, and sanitation vehicles.



10. Volunteer for clean air programs in your community!

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