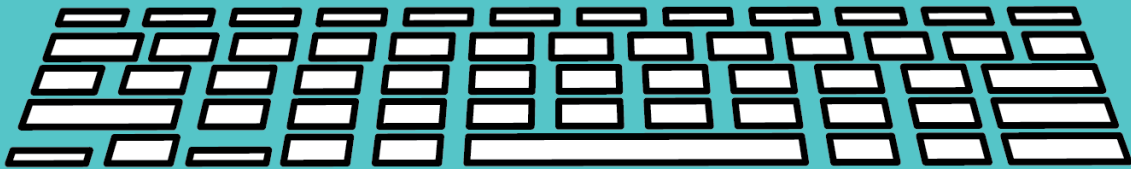


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EARTHDAY

Earth Day is celebrated annually on April 22. Earth Day brings awareness around the world and teaches people how they can help save the planet. It was created to promote awareness for the Earth and the environment.

Students and other people make an effort to help the environment on Earth Day. Some actions to improve the environment include planting trees, picking up trash, using a reusable shopping bag, saving energy, and protecting rivers and parks.

In the United States, the first Earth Day celebration brought together 20 million Americans to show their support for environmental changes. In 2009, the United Nations officially renamed the day as International Mother Earth Day.

The passage of the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, and the Endangered Species Act are considered the response to Earth Day. Many local groups around the world help organize events and activities to celebrate Earth Day every year.

In 2012, more than 100,000 people in China rode bikes on Earth Day to save fuel and reduce carbon dioxide emissions. In 2011, 28 million trees were planted in Afghanistan.

To honor Earth Day in Panama, one hundred types of orchids were planted to prevent their extinction. Around the world, an estimated fifteen billion trees are cut down each year. Trees release oxygen and absorb CO₂ (carbon dioxide). Twenty percent of the Earth's oxygen is produced by the Amazon Rainforest.

When we increase carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere, global temperatures rise. The rise of temperature intensifies the greenhouse effect. The greenhouse effect is when heat in the atmosphere is trapped by greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide.

Scientists say that if we didn't have the greenhouse effect, the

Earth would be much cooler. When gases get trapped, it may lead to global warming. Global warming is an increase in temperature of the Earth's atmosphere. Global warming is a greatly debated topic as some people do not believe global warming is real.

One reusable bag can prevent the use of six hundred plastic bags. Using recycled materials to make paper can create 74% less air pollution and 35% less water pollution. One pound of pollution is kept out of the air for every mile a person walks instead of driving a car. The average person tosses out about four pounds of garbage every day.

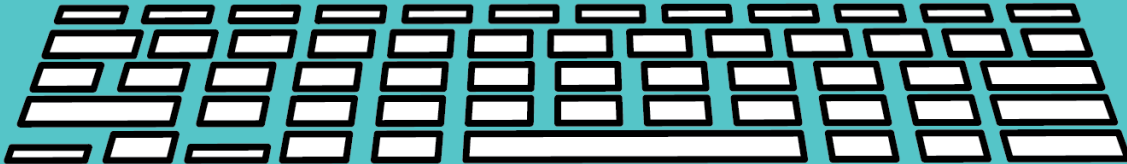
The average person uses about twelve thousand gallons of water each year. In the US, 200 billion drink containers are sold each year, but two-thirds end up in a landfill or littered. Recycling is when new items are created from old and used materials.

Aluminum cans are the most recycled item. Aluminum cans can be recycled and put back on the shelf in just two months. Over 100 billion pieces of junk mail are delivered each year in the United States. Less than 1% of printing paper is recycled. If everyone recycled one newspaper, 1000 trees would be spared in the United States alone.

In Japan, the ringing of the Liberty Bell is part of the Earth Day ceremony. The bell is made out of coins given by children to promote recycling on Earth Day. This led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency. Paper recycling in 1980 was 10%. In 2011, the rate increased to over 50%.

In the United States, one billion tons worth of paper is thrown away every year. One million pounds of plastic is dumped in the oceans every year. Recycling or killing a single glass bottle is recycled over and over again. A glass bottle takes 1000 years to decompose.

Recycling just one glass bottle can save enough energy to power a light bulb for four hours. If we double the recycling rate, the rainforests could be cut down by 100 acres a minute.





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