






Durham: Our Power, Our Planet

Welcome to the Durham County Sustainability Team's monthly blog! Each month, we spotlight a different sustainability-style topic in a fun format with simple tips, local resources, and creative ideas about how to live more thoughtfully in our communities with the wonderful planet in mind. Learn more about our work at Durham County Sustainability at [GreenerDurham.net](https://www.greenerdurham.net) 

April 22nd marks the 56th anniversary of **EARTH DAY**  


This year's [global theme](#) says it all: **Our Power, Our Planet**.

Our Power, Our Planet means "environmental progress doesn't depend on any single administration or election. It's sustained by **daily actions of communities, educators, workers, and families** protecting where they live and work." That's **US**, Durham! 




Team Up This Earth Month

Your individual decisions in being a caretaker for the planet add up, and that collective action between us all creates real, powerful environmental progress. You don't have to do it all. Let's team up! One of the best ways we can come together is to...

PARTY WITH US at [Durham Earth Day Festival!](#) 

The Durham County Sustainability Team will be there - come find our table and spin our prize wheel!  Say hi to us in person, learn more about our Sustainability programs, and maybe win something fun.

The festival is a full afternoon of celebration:

-  Live **music**
-  **Food** trucks
-  Annual Earth Day **Parade** with the Bulltown Strutters (2pm sharp!)

- 🎨 Family **Fun Zone**: Hands-on activities, drumming, & face painting!
- 🧘 **Calm** sensory area for families who need a quiet moment
- 📖 Durham County Library **Bookmobile** - get a library card on-site!
- 🛒 Earth Day **Market** with local, hand-made green goods & crafts
- 🚲 Free **bike** tune-ups & repairs - BYOB (bring your own bike!)
- 🛴 **Tour** local downtown shops in style with free e-scooter or e-bike rentals (& receive a giftcard!)
- 🚌 **Fun ride** on GoDurham's special Zero Emissions bus

Bring your family, your friends, your neighbors. Learn more here: <https://www.dprplaymore.org/299/Earth-Day-Festival> 🌳

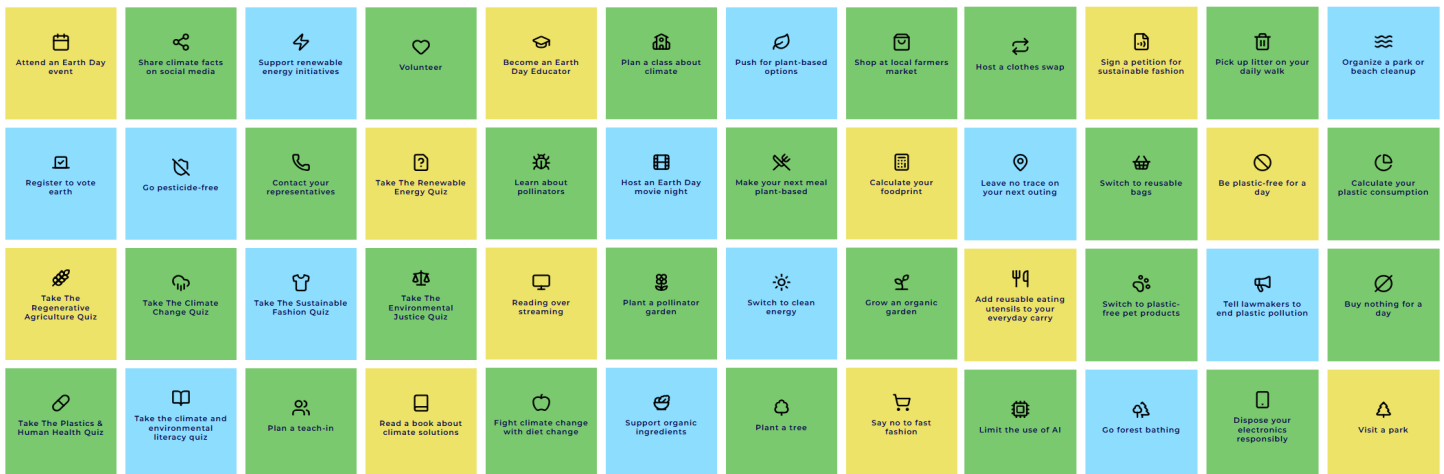


The Durham Earth Day Festival is happening on Sunday, April 19th from 12-5pm at Durham Central Park (501 Foster St) - free, all ages, rain or shine.

⚡ More to Do - The Power to Choose

Our Earth Month challenge to YOU: **Choose TWO actions from this list of fifty ways to make a difference.** Team up with a friend or co-worker to complete these or maybe turn it into some healthy competition!

The full list with more tips and how-tos (just click on the square!) is here: <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-tips/>



More Ways to Celebrate in Durham This April

Cool Resources

[Tool Lending Library](#)

Keep Durham Beautiful (KDB)

The easiest way to honor Earth Month is by organizing a litter cleanup: on your street, in your neighborhood, at your school - anywhere you see litter in your community! KDB provides all the tools: litter grabbers, gloves, safety vests, and trash bags; You provide the POWER! Just visit <https://www.keepdurhambeautiful.org/tool-lending-library> to reserve supplies. Or simply reserve supplies from your local library: <https://durhamcounty.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S217C372178>

Compost Bins

City of Durham

▶ Deadline to order is APRIL 10TH! Don't miss the big Spring Sale - buy a compost bin to help divert waste from the landfill and feed your soil. Order and learn more here: <https://www.durhamnc.gov/935/Composting>

Event Calendar

Date Event

April 11 10am-12pm **Durham Master Gardener Plant Sale** (learn more [HERE](#))

April 11 10am-1pm **Art Yard Sale** (learn more [HERE](#))

April 13 11am Virtual **Durham Environmental Coalition Meeting** (learn more [HERE](#))

April 15 6-8:30pm **Waya: Saving Our Red Grandfather Film Screening & Panel** (register [HERE](#))



April 15 5:30-7:30pm **Free Plastic Earth Documentary Screening** at Durham County Library (register [HERE](#))

Join us for Movie Night
Wednesday, April 15, 2026
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Let's continue to protect the earth

PLASTIC EARTH
A Documentary Film Production
Directed by Rob Riggall

Main Library Auditorium
300 N. Roxboro St.
Durham, NC 27701



April 17 3-5pm/10am-12pm **Invasive Plant Removal** at CR Wood Park (register [HERE](#))
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April 18 1-5pm **Scrap Exchange Everyday Is Earth Day Celebration** (learn more [HERE](#))

April 18 2-4pm **Lakewood Shopping Center Cleanup** (register [HERE](#))

April 19 12-5pm 🌍 [Durham Earth Day Festival - Come find us!!](#)

April 19 10am-12pm **MLK Parkway Cleanup** (register [HERE](#))

April 19 9-11am **Family Bird Walk** with Durham Wildlife Stewards (register [HERE](#))

April 24 3-5pm **Invasive Plant Removal** at Elmira Ave Park (register [HERE](#))

April 25 9-11am KDB **Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup** (register [HERE](#))

April 25 10:30am-12pm [Free Backyard Composting Workshop](#) (register [HERE](#))

May 2-3 10am-3pm [Durham Garden Tour](#) (\$30 tickets or [volunteer for free entry](#))



And NOW through the end of May, join the #LightsOutNC movement to protect our beautiful birds in Durham!
Learn more here: <https://www.audubon.org/our-work/cities-and-towns/lights-out>



Thank You.

♥ **Our Power. Our Planet. Our Durham.**

Every action counts - especially when we team up together. We're grateful you're here! 🌱

~ Your Durham County Sustainability Team

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