



EARTH DAY

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What is Earth day

- First Earth day : **Apr.22,1970**



Millions of people took to the streets to protest **the negative impacts** of 150 years of industrial development.

- E.g.
- 1.Pollution led to developmental delays in children.
 - 2.Biodiversity was in decline as a result of the heavy use of pesticides and other pollutants.

- More than **1 billion people** in **192 countries** now participate in this action in the world.
- People march, sign petitions, meet with their elected officials, plant trees, clean up their towns and roads on Earth day.

About the Earth Day Network



- Growing out of the first Earth Day, Earth Day Network works with **more than 50,000 partners in nearly 192 countries** to build environmental democracy.
- **Mission:** To diversify, educate and activate the environmental movement worldwide.
- EDN often works with **low income communities** to bring their voices and issues into the movement.
- EDN works to **broaden the definition of "environment"** to include issues that affect our health and our communities
 - ↳ Such as greening deteriorated schools, creating green jobs and investment, and promoting activism to stop air and water pollution.
- EDN has created **civically-oriented innovative programs** with partners both inside and outside of the environmental movement to tackle new challenges.

Join EDN and Take Action

Take personal responsibility to end plastic pollution

Currently about **300 million tons of plastic** are produced each year to make bags, bottles, packages, and other commodities for people all over the world.

Unfortunately, only about **ten percent** of this plastic is properly recycled and reused.

The rest ends up as waste in landfills or as litter in our natural environment, where it leaches dangerous chemicals into the nearby soil and water, **endangering humans and wildlife alike.**



What you can do with your friends, colleagues, and family:

- **Water:** If you use a reusable water bottle, you personally could avoid an average of 156 plastic
- **Carriers:** Bringing your own bag to shop (and carrying one with you just in case) can help make a dent in those 4 trillion plastic bags used each year.
- **Straws:** Remembering to ask for no straw can become a habit
- **Entertainment:** Remember our roots—we can use glasses, cloth napkins, and real cutlery at events as much as we can. We can use compostable tableware, napkins, and other products (and compost them).



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