

UF College of Dentistry Green Team

Green Tips of the Month



April 2009

Get Involved in Earth Month!

Earth Day is Wednesday, April 22. A little history: Earth Day was established in 1970. As more people became concerned about the effects human activities were having on the environment, the celebration became more mainstream and raised participation in such now-commonplace programs as household waste recycling.

How can you celebrate Earth Month? The best way is to "make every day Earth Day" by making changes in the way you live. A few suggestions for special things you can do to celebrate:

- Plant trees – the "traditional" Earth Day activity. Not only do they look nice, their shade will eventually lower your cooling bills.
- Participate in the Great American Cleanup 2009. Activities include beautifying parks, cleaning waterways, recycling, picking up litter, and planting trees and flowers. This year's Alachua County registration and festivities take place on Saturday, April 11 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. in two locations: The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center (directly behind Citizen's Field) and Westside Park. Visit <http://www.sustainability.ufl.edu/> for more information.
- Read up on [how to \(politely\) disagree with global warming deniers](#).
- Don't landfill your unwanted-but-still-usable stuff: have a yard sale, list it on [Craigslist](#) or [Freecycle](#), or drop it off at a [local thrift store](#).

Earth Month Events in April

- Visit <http://www.sustainability.ufl.edu/what-can-you-do/EarthMonth-2009.html> to find out about all the Earth Month happenings!