

## **EARTH DAY AWARENESS**

This year's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day warrants special attention in light of COVID-19. As the pandemic jeopardizes human health, similarly, have human actions continued to jeopardize planetary health. The current health crisis has drawn many people towards nature for comfort and hope. It is timely we heighten our awareness of Earth Day and re-think our actions and their impact on our natural world. And in turn consider the implications on human health and quality of life without a healthy biosphere.

There exist many ways each individual can make a positive difference in support of environmental protection and collectively we can have significant impact in confronting climatic challenges. Below is a list of informational resources and activities that can be done virtually and from the safety of your home in recognition of Earth Day in all its significance.

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**Earth Day 2020:** <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2020/>, Frequently Asked Questions

**Audubon Naturalist Society:** <https://anshome.org/stay-connected/>, our community sanctuary provides numerous resources for the entire family to enjoy. Consider becoming a member of this valuable local resource.

**Earth Day Live April 22-24:** <https://www.earthdaylive2020.org/?source=sierra-club-climate&referrer=group-sierra-club-climate>, Sierra Club activities for the entire family.

**City Nature Challenge April 24-27:** <https://citynaturechallenge.org/>, embrace and discover the power nature and support global collaboration among peoples and researchers to document local biodiversity using the iNaturalist app. <https://www.inaturalist.org/>

### **Composting and Waste management:**

Webinars on Composting from the US Composting Council:  
<https://www.compostingcouncil.org/page/Composting-In-The-Time-of-COVID-19>

Institute for Self-Reliance: <https://ilsr.org/food-waste-hierarchy/>

### **Films about Planetary and Health Human:**

- <https://earthx.org/>
- Chasing Coral (Netflix), <https://www.chasingcoral.com/>
- Fantastic Fungi (Vimeo), trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxABOiay6oA>