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## 22 APRIL 2022

## INVEST IN OUR PLANET

## EARTH DAY

- Go for a litter cleanup. Don't forget your gloves!
- Pick up your pet waste. Whether you take your dog on a daily walk or let them handle their business in the back yard, picking up pet waste is important.
- Get your soil tested. Make sure you aren't overdoing it with fertilizer by getting your soil tested first.
- Choose reusable. Try reusable straws, cups, to-go containers, and utensils to decrease dependence on single-use plastics.
- Donate old clothing and household items.
- Buy local. Check out a local farm or local restaurant this Earth day.
- Buy sustainable. Choose sustainable, ecofriendly products when you can.
- Plant a tree. Trees provide shade and help absorb water that would otherwise runoff into storm drains.
- Commit to recycling right! Check out what is acceptable in your locality and make a firm commitment to only place the correct items in the recycling bin.
- Use earth-friendly cleaning products.
- Fix a leak! Have any pesky leaks in your home you've been avoiding? According to the EPA, an average household leak can waste nearly 10,000 gallons of water every year.
- Choose organic. Organic farming is better for the environment because it reduces pollution, saves water, and is better for the soil.
- Save some energy by unplugging from technology.
- Try LED lights. LED lights are more energy efficient and last longer than incandescent or fluorescent bulbs.
- Compost your leftover food scraps. Check out composting for beginners here.
- BYOB bring your own bags. Remember to say "no" to plastic bags at the grocery store and bring your own reusable bag. If your store is not accepting BYOB bags, simply bag your groceries in the parking lot.

- Switch to paperless billing.
- Participate in a local environmental organization.
- Promote your home sustainability by joining an eco-friendly home program.
- Go meatless one day a week!
- Let in the fresh air. Open your windows to cool off the house instead of turning on your AC.
- Start a garden.
- Collect your e-waste for recycling. Gather old computers, laptops, TVs, and game systems to be recycled. Check with your locality for local e-cycling collection schedules.
- Calculate your carbon footprint. Many of our daily activities have a large impact on our carbon footprint. Calculate your carbon footprint here.
- Turn down your water heater. Save energy and money! For every 10°F reduction in temperature, you can save from 3%–5% on your water heating costs.
- Make a bird feeder out of a reusable carton for your yard. Find out how here.
- Print double-sided to save paper. You'll be saving trees and water, the natural resources used to make paper.
- Take shorter showers. Reduce you water usage by opting for a 5-minute shower.
- Consider supporting an environmental nonprofit organization by donating or pledging to volunteer.
- Turn off the lights when you leave a room.
- Only run your washer and dishwasher when they are full.
- If you have the option, choose the stairs instead of the elevator to save energy (and get some exercise!)
- Get outside. Take some time to smell the roses and appreciate nature.
- Collect your plastic bags for recycling. If you do have plastic bags, take them back to the grocery store for recycling.
- Try biking or walking instead of driving.