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April 2015 EcoFacts



Earth Day 2015: Where on Earth Will YOU Be?

There will be several Celebrations for Earth Day in Nebraska during the month of April. But first, here's how it all began...

History



Fifth Avenue, NYC, on the first Earth Day

The idea of Earth Day was inspired by anti-Vietnam War "teach-ins" that were happening at colleges across the nation. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin announced a "national teach-in on the environment". This manifested itself in the first Earth Day on April 22nd 1970.* Smaller groups who were fighting against oil spills, air pollution, toxic dumps and loss of wildlife merged into one to have a unified voice.** This event kicked off an environmental decade in which the Environmental Protection Agency and many federal level environmental regulations were created.

A sampling of Earth Day events in Nebraska

Union Pacific Railroad	April 16 th	Union Pacific Headquarters (1400 Douglas St)
City of Lincoln	April 18 th	Union Plaza (north of "O" Street between 21st and 22nd

		Streets)
City of Wayne	April 19 th	Majestic Theatre (310 Main St. Wayne, NE) Film <i>Bag It</i> will be screened. Doors @ 6:30, Film at 7PM.
City of Omaha	April 18 th	Elmwood Park (Dodge and Elmwood Park Drive)
City of Bellevue	April 26 th	Lied Activity Center (2700 Arboretum Dr)

Policy

No Earth Day event in your town? Talk to local leaders and plan one for next year. Be sure to plan a zero waste event, and have fun!

*Earth Day History. <http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/earth-day>

**Earth Day: The History of a Movement. <http://www.earthday.org/earth-day-history-movement>

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