



## EARTH MONTH EDITION

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On April 22, 1970, activists, students, and frontline communities across the U.S. built on the legacies of social justice organizing to launch the first Earth Day. This year, Oaklanders are showing up throughout the month of April to carry forward the legacy of Earth Day and continue growing a movement that advocates for the environmental health, safety, and wellbeing of all our community members.

### [City of Oakland's Earth Day Webpage + Resources](#)

This year the Stewardship + Sustainability Teams have compiled a list of learning resources, ideas for actions at home, and volunteer opportunities for Earth Day. Check out all the ways to get involved!

[City of Oakland's Earth Day Webpage](#)

Find ways to pledge your Earth Month actions via Oakland's Acts of Green Pledge range of actions in several different categories, including:



- ◆ Climate Action
- ◆ Gardening
- ◆ Pollution Prevention
- ◆ Water Conservation
- ◆ Zero Waste

Acts of Green Pledge

Find further reading, resources and information from this newsletter compiled on Oakland's Earth Day At Home Resources Page.

At Home Events + Actions

Connect to Oakland Stewardship's Volunteer Hub this month to find local ways to get involved in COVID-safe opportunities.

Report Your Volunteer Actions

The draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is available for publiccomment now through April 26! Review it here. Please address all written comments to Jessica Feil, Emergency Services Manager, via e-mail to [jfeil@oaklandca.gov](mailto:jfeil@oaklandca.gov).

Review the Draft LHMP

## EARTH MONTH EVENTS

This year there are more ways than ever to gather, engage and learn while staying safe amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Select from a wide range of virtual events being hosted in honor of Earth Month.

*Please note that not all events are hosted by the City of Oakland.*

### **Celebrate Earth Month with StopWaste!**

In celebration of Earth Month this year, StopWaste is bringing together a series of events in collaboration

with cities and partners throughout April. Whether you're interested in electrifying your home, reducing food or clothing waste, or build healthy soil, there's something for everyone! Find events and resources here: [www.stopwaste.org/earth-day](http://www.stopwaste.org/earth-day).



## Drive Electric Earth Month

Join [Plug In America](#) and the [Electric Auto Association](#) for a national campaign of free events throughout the month of April to share information about electric vehicles! Attend a virtual or COVID-safe in-person event to learn helpful about a variety of electric vehicle topics. [RSVP for an event today](#) and you'll be entered to win a \$250 Visa gift card!



## EARTH MONTH CALENDAR

Saturday,  
April 17th

### StopWaste Earth Day Kick Off: (Re)Imagine Our World Together

Saturday, April 17, 2021 | 10am-2pm  
[Register](#) by April 14th

*This event is specifically geared towards youth + students!*

Get ready to hear stories of action and inspiration from guest speakers including youth leaders, climate & social justice activists, and more. Collectively explore how we are (re)imagining our world for a healthier and just world and leave with your next steps to take action.

### Earth Week (Re)Generation Talks

Join youth-led discussions each day throughout Earth Week on a range of environmental and climate topics.

#### **Monday, April 19th, 2021 | 5-6 pm**

Rebuilding & Redesigning Healthier Communities

#### **Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 | 5-6 pm**

Regenerative Schools: Water & Soil

#### **Wednesday April 21st, 2021 | 5-6 pm**

Regenerative Schools: Community Food Systems

#### **Thursday, April 22nd, 2021 | 5-6 pm**

Art in Action: We are the (Re)Generation

#### **Friday, April 23rd, 2021 | 5-6 pm**

Art in Action: May the 4Rs Be With You Art Celebration

*Hosted by the StopWaste Schools Team (AKA League of 4Rs Action Heroes)*

Tuesday,  
April 20th

## Healthy Cooking For You and the Planet

Tuesday, April 20th | 6–7 pm

[Register Here](#)

Join this fun and interactive virtual event to hear from two professional chefs on how you can cook delicious meals that are good for both you and the planet. Chef Rachelle Boucher of [Kitchens to Life](#) and StopWaste Food Waste Prevention Partner, Chef Alison with [Ends & Stems](#), will team up to cook a zero-waste and emissions-free meal using seasonal ingredients. Along the way, learn practical tips for meal shopping, prepping, and storage to reduce food waste and receive information on how you can improve indoor air quality and receive rebates by upgrading to a high-end induction cooktop.

*Hosted by StopWaste*

Thursday,  
April 22nd

## Everything You Should Know About Home Energy in 30 Minutes

April 22 | 5:30pm - 6:30 PM



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April 22nd | 5:30–6:30 pm

[Register Here](#)

Learn about how government policy and the energy market are changing your energy bill, the best

way to address energy costs in your home, and how to make your home healthier and more comfortable. Choose from a range of breakout rooms to learn more about the programs and resources that best fit your situation. For more information about the Bay Area Regional Energy Network programs, visit [www.bayren.org](http://www.bayren.org).

[Regístrate aquí](#) para este evento en español.

*Hosted by BayREN*

April 22nd,  
April 24th, &  
April 25th

## Rotary Nature Center Friends Clean Up

April 22nd, April 24th + April 25th, 2021

Join the Rotary Nature Center for a day of trash clean up and yard work at the Rotary Nature Center grounds and the Sailboat House Marsh. To participate, please contact Katie Noonan at [ktnoon@aol.com](mailto:ktnoon@aol.com).

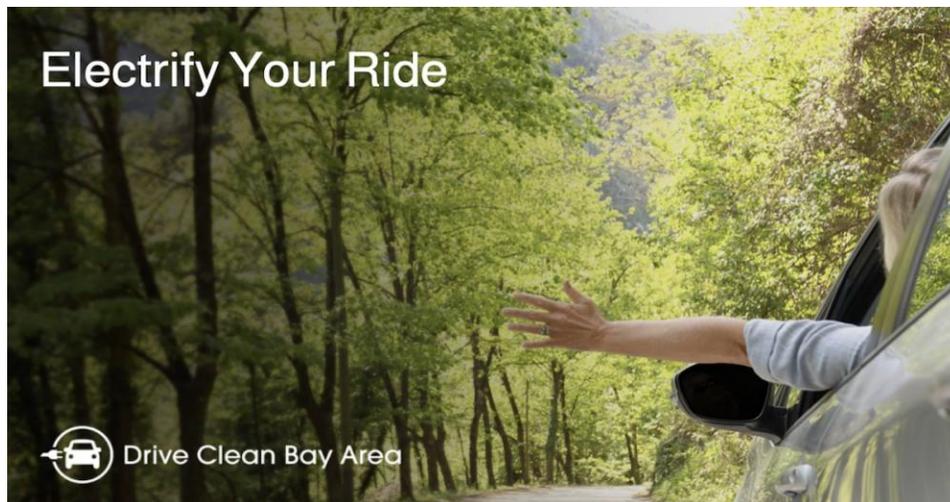
Saturday,  
April 24th

## Lake Clean-up with the Lake Merritt Institute

April 24th, 2021 | 9 am

Come join the Lake Merritt Institute for a COVID-safe in-person clean up day! To participate, please email Lake Merritt Institute Director James Robinson at [Imi@netwiz.net](mailto:Imi@netwiz.net) to reserve your spot. Volunteers will be deployed in groups of 10 or less and must follow all public health guidelines.

Saturday,  
April 24th



## Earth Day: Drive-Clean-A-Thon Webinar

April 24th, 4-5 pm

[Register Here](#)

You do small things to help the environment, but when you switch to driving electric or riding an e-bike, it's a BIG action that improves air quality and cools the planet. You can even cut your carbon footprint in half! At the Drive-Clean-A-Thon event, EV and e-bike experts will share their unbiased expertise. Everyone will learn how to save time, money, and the planet and they'll see, hear, and feel why their next vehicle will be electric. [Register today](#) for Drive Clean Bay Area's Special Earth Day Webinar, and then invite a friend!

*Hosted by Drive Clean Bay Area*

## IN PERSON ACTIONS + VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Explore options for safely engaging outdoors with your community for Earth Month.

### Friends of Sausal Creek Volunteer Calendar

Browse the wide range of volunteer opportunities offered by the Friends of Sausal Creek. Help out on a Native Plant Nursery Workday, Pollinator Garden Volunteer Day or Creek Clean Up Day, amidst other projects. Check out the full volunteer [calendar here](#). For general information about volunteering, questions or ideas please call 510-501-3672 or email [coordinator@sausalcreek.org](mailto:coordinator@sausalcreek.org).

### Keep Oakland Beautiful Grants

Keep Oakland Beautiful gives out small grants of up to \$800 every year. Individuals or community groups can apply for a grant to help fund a project that helps keep Oakland clean, green and beautiful, and brings people together in public space. Successful past projects have included park and open space clean-up and beautification projects; planting community gardens; little free libraries; graffiti removal and murals; and litter container tile mosaics. To learn more about requirements, FAQ and past award projects, visit the [KOB website](#).

Application period is now open until May 31, 2021. [Fill out the application now](#).

### Adopt A Drain Today!

Help reduce flooding and keep trash out of our waterways by adopting a storm drain in your neighborhood and keeping it clear of debris. [Adopt a drain today](#). Public Works provides tools, supplies, and debris pick-up support to Adopt a Drain volunteers.

### 2021 Small Grant applications are open!



Remember, "Clear the drain before the rain" and report storm drain maintenance needs to Oak311.

## Be #OaktownPROUD

Help Prevent and Report Illegal Dumping in your Neighborhood  
The City of Oakland launched #OakPROUD, a campaign for and by Oaklanders, to reduce unlawful dumping and improve our neighborhoods. Access free Oaktown PROUD programs and services such as annual bulky pickup, safe hazardous materials disposal at 2100 E. 7th Street, reporting to OAK311, and more. For additional information, visit [www.oaktownproud.com](http://www.oaktownproud.com).



## COVID Protocols for Volunteers

Review and follow [Volunteer Guidelines & Waiver with COVID-19 safety requirements](#), available in English, Spanish and Chinese. [Be safe & follow Alameda County Health Orders](#) whenever venturing outside!

## VIRTUAL ACTIONS

There are many ways to take action from home this year. Explore virtual challenges and find ways to honor your local environment while connecting to fellow Earth Day communities!

### Bay Area City Nature Challenge 2021

April 30th – May 3rd, 2021

[Sign Up Here](#) – Starting April 30th

Help document the incredible biodiversity of the Bay Area by making observations of WILD organisms in any of the nine counties that touch SF Bay. Sign up via [iNaturalist](#), photograph wild organisms in your environment, and upload them starting April 30th. Keep checking back to learn more about what trainings, events, scavenger hunts, and more.

### Climate Rise

Saturday, April 24th, 2021

[Register Here](#)

Join Climate Rise, the virtual rally for our planet! Show your solidarity by taking on your own unique and creative challenge. You can celebrate Earth Day with a planet-loving project like cleaning up a local trailhead or challenge yourself to ride, run, bake, or learn

a new song! Take a day to walk a hundred laps around your garden or spend a week volunteering – the challenge is up to you. Use your challenge to raise funds for GRID Alternatives (or a number of other worthy organizations) and find your way to address the climate crisis.

## Take Part in the Earth Month DrawDown Challenge!

April 1st – April 30th, 2021

[Register Here](#)

Help combat the climate crisis by taking action on the 80 most substantive solutions to climate change. Dedicate your Earth Month to Drawdown Eco-Challenge. To explore upcoming Eco Challenges and register, [click here](#).

Hosted by [Eco-Challenge](#)

## Clean Up Your At Home Energy Use

Transitioning to clean energy is one of the most powerful actions community members can take to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, clean up our communities' air, and protect our planet's environment. Take action this month:

1. Learn about how to cut down your home energy waste [here](#).
2. Talk to a BayREN home energy advisor to identify the smartest cost-saving energy upgrades for your home: [details here](#).
3. Make the small switch to create a big impact and upgrade your electricity bill to 100% clean energy: [click here](#).

## ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Want to dive into more Earth Day resources? Explore some highlighted information below.

### Earth Day Reading List

Interested in more reading on Earth Day? Check out this [list of books](#) compiled by the Oakland Public Library.

### Understanding Oakland's 2030 Equitable Climate Action Plan

This Earth Day, take some time to learn about how Oakland's 2030 Equitable Climate Action Plan is structured and how it's helping the City reach its greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. View the presentation [here](#). Read the 2030 ECAP [here](#).

### Resources on Gardening + Composting from StopWaste

Find resource guides, events and information on everything you need to know to build

your garden! Learn what carbon farming is, start your own compost pile and read how to create healthy soil. Explore the [StopWaste Home Gardening website](#).

## Test Your Recycling Knowledge with the Oakland Recycles Game

You may think you know what items go in which bin, but this game will put those skills to the test! See if you know how to correctly sort your recycling, compost and trash in this [fun game](#).

## Calculate Your Climate Footprint

How many planets would it take to sustainably support your lifestyle? [Calculate your climate footprint here](#), and learn what changes you can make to help live a more climate sustainable life!

## Water Conservation + Protection

Learn about water conservation and available rebates via East Bay Municipal Utility District's [water webpage](#). Read more about how your actions can help protect our local waterways [here](#).

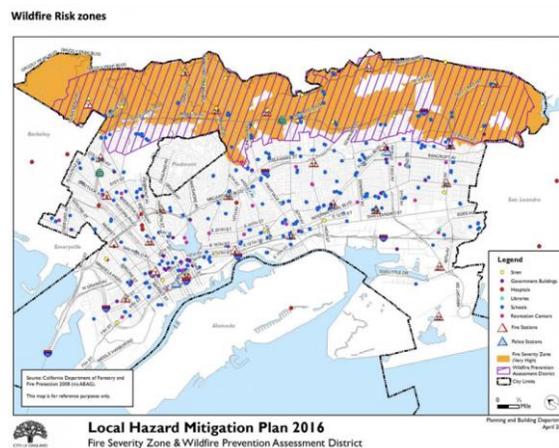
## Learn About Oakland's Communities Emergency Response Team

Emergency response preparation and climate actions go hand in hand. This Earth Month, learn about the role human-induced climate change plays in natural disasters and how we can all take action to address some of the root causes of many of these events. Sign up for Oakland's acts of Green Pledge and learn more about [Oakland's Communities Emergency Response Team](#) to help Oakland prepare for and respond to natural disasters.

# ADDITIONAL NEWS

## Provide Input on the 2021 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan!

The [draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan now available](#) for your review and input. The 14-day public comment period begins on April 12 and ends on April 26. Please address all written comments to Jessica Feil, Emergency Services Manager, via e-mail to [jfeil@oaklandca.gov](mailto:jfeil@oaklandca.gov). All comments received after April 26 will be addressed as part of the more comprehensive update to the Safety Element and as part of the



Annual LHMP Maintenance Strategy. Sign up for updates on the LHMP process [here](#).



## Youth Employment Program Summer Job Applications Now Open

[Apply via the Youth Employment Program/YEP](#)

Applications available now for Team Oakland, summer jobs for youth.

Team Oakland is a City-sponsored summer employment program for Oakland youth between the ages of 15 - 24.

Team Oakland participants gain practical job training experience through meaningful beautification and cleanup projects. The program seeks to provide a formative experience for youth through crew based work and participation in City cleanups, park maintenance, habitat restoration, fire fuel management, community outreach, and trainings on work & life skills and environmental topics.

*\* In application, check the box "Outdoor Crew Based"*

Team members and Team Leaders needed!

*If your organization would like to have relevant community events or opportunities posted here, please email us at [climate@oaklandca.gov](mailto:climate@oaklandca.gov).*

*We'd love to hear from you! For Questions or comments contact [climate@oaklandca.gov](mailto:climate@oaklandca.gov)*