

# Earth Day



Earth Day is a day that is intended to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's natural environment. On April 22, 1970, people all over the country made promises to help the environment—and the tradition continues. April 22, 2012 marks the 42nd anniversary of the first Earth Day. Earth Day is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network, and is celebrated in more than 175 countries every year.

There are so many ways to celebrate the Earth every day, but many like to take that extra step and do a little something more for the Earth on April 22 by planting a tree or participating in a community **cleanup** event. Planting trees helps to reduce **greenhouse gas** emissions, cleans pollutions, secures soil in place to prevent **erosion**, and provides homes for a lot of biodiversity. The San Diego County chapter of the Surfrider Foundation coordinates beach cleanups three times a month, including a North County beach, Moonlight Beach and a beach in South County.

Appreciate the Earth everyday by **recycling**, starting a **compost pile**, take public transportation, **carpool**, replace light bulbs with energy efficient bulbs, donate old electronics instead of throwing them away and having a garage sale.

**A- Answer these questions on the text.**

- 1- What is the aim of celebrating the Earth Day?
- 2- When did people start celebrating it?
- 3- How many countries celebrate it?
- 4- What can people do to protect the Earth?



**B- Find the equivalent words/expressions among the underlined ones in the text.**

- 1-arrangement to share cars to and from work \_\_\_\_\_
- 2-gradual destruction and removal of rock or soil by rivers, sea or weather \_\_\_\_\_
- 3- act of making something clean \_\_\_\_\_
- 4-heap of decayed plant materials used as organic fertilizer \_\_\_\_\_
- 5- making something new from used materials \_\_\_\_\_
- 6- gaseous compound that absorbs infrared radiation, and traps heat in the atmosphere \_\_\_\_\_

**C- Here are some of the things we all can do to protect and preserve the Earth. Identify them.**



- 1- \_\_\_\_\_
- 2- \_\_\_\_\_
- 3- \_\_\_\_\_
- 4- \_\_\_\_\_
- 5- \_\_\_\_\_
- 6- \_\_\_\_\_