



Earth Day Across Nebraska Includes Activities for Everyone

Although Earth Day 2017 is officially April 22, events across Nebraska will continue throughout the month of April. Most are family-friendly, intended to get all ages involved in learning about our planet and understanding ways of ensuring it's still around for future generations. Following are just some of the celebrations being planned.

Sarpy County Earth Day Bellevue

April 29 & 30

A Trashion Show and Recycle Run highlight this year's fun-filled events. Storytelling, face-painting, and pollinator gardening are among activities for children. The free events will be held in the BPS Lied Activity Center, 2820 Arboretum Drive in Bellevue.

[Click here](#) to visit the website.

Panhandle Earth Day Celebration Scottsbluff

April 22

Used oil, antifreeze and batteries will be collected; cardboard and plastic bags will be collected and recycled, and cloth bags will be given away; SHS FFA Chapter will do well water testing; trees will be given away by NPNRD; and a bike rodeo will be among the activities held from 10 am to noon at 401 S. Bellline Highway in Scottsbluff. Organizations from Gering, North Platte, and other communities in the area are sponsoring Earth Day in the Panhandle. [Visit the website](#) for more information.

Earth Day Festival & Great American Clean Up Chadron

April 22

Great American Clean Up will be from 9 to noon. register online at www.KeepChadronBeautiful.org or at the Dawes County Courthouse Lawn. Bags and clean up supplies will be provided. Then to celebrate our great planet and your good work, the festival will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This year's theme is Reuse Carnival. (Free game tickets for clean up participants!) Enjoy live music, games, educational booths, food and more.

Central Community College Earth Week Celebration Grand Island, Hastings & Columbus

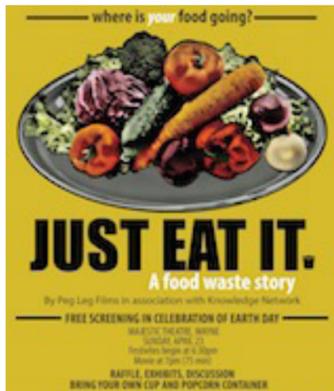
April 17–22 and beyond

Central Community College has a host of activities planned for their campuses in Grand Island, Hastings & Columbus during the week. From learning more about wind turbines and bees, bike sharing apps and local foods to energy use in buildings and avian wildlife, including predators, there will be something for everyone. Monday, April 17, the expo will be in Grand Island; in Hastings on Tuesday, April 18; and in Columbus on April 19. On the 20th, a live webcast will be held on all three campuses, and a Green Fling to celebrate local foods will be held in Hastings on the 22nd. Vendors will have booths at each site. More information [on the website](#).

Cleaning the Fork Earth Day Celebration Norfolk

April 22

For the second year, North Fork Outfitting is sponsoring a city-wide clean up on Earth Day. Volunteers will meet in Johnson Park at 9:30 and be dispersed to TaHaZouka Park, Sunset Plaza, the Elkhorn River, 13th Street, and others. Afterward, a picnic and entertainment will be held at 3 pm in Johnson Park, and free kayak rides will be provided. [Click here](#) for more information.



Earth Day Celebration Wayne

April 23

The Wayne Green Team will be screening Just Eat It: A Food Waste Story at the Majestic Theater on Sunday, April 23. The festivities are free and begin at 6:30 pm. There will be a raffle, exhibits, and a discussion. More information on the [Green Team's Facebook page](#).

4th Annual Earthstock Lincoln

April 1–April 30

An Environmental Arts Festival, Music Festival, sustainable communities forum, poetry reading, block party, Environun and more are part of the highly successful Earthstock celebration in Lincoln, Four Weeks to Learn and Grow. Produced by the student collaborative Green UNL, the events are sponsored by the the Nebraska Environmental Trust, ASUN Student Government Green and Water For Food Global Institute at UNL School of Natural Resources. [Click here](#) for more info.



Earth Day Omaha Omaha

April 22

Music from bluegrass to country, jam rock to Native American, demonstrations of urban chickens, beekeeping, rain barrels, worm composting, a kids' tent, yoga, tai chi, swing dancing, and speakers will be among the events and activities of the hugely successful Earth Day Omaha this year, 11 am to 6 pm at Elmwood Park. A beer garden, food and fun for the whole family. Get all the [information on the website](#).

Lincoln Earth Day Lincoln

April 22

Educational exhibits, art, live music, local foods and plenty of fun and games will be featured at Lincoln's Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 22, from 10 am to 2 pm in Union Plaza Park, 21st and Q Streets. [Visit the website](#) for all the information.

JISC will have a booth at the Omaha and Lincoln events.

And don't forget: The March for Science will also be April 22, and the People's Climate March will be April 29. Check with your local Earth Day organizers to learn more.

URBAN THINKERS CAMPUS 2.0

Town/Gown Collaborations for Sustainable Development Topic of UTC 2.0

The Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities has been selected as one of two U.S. sites for this year's Urban Thinkers Campus conferences.

Cities are the vanguard in addressing immediate effects of climate change, population migration and growth, and infrastructure modernization in the United States. Amidst a general atmosphere of federal and state political deadlock, cities now face frontline and more urgent demands with fewer resources to address them. Universities, on the other hand, are virtual laboratories of Big Data, technological breakthroughs, and innovative sustainability research and modeling. The Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities proposes to find common ground among a select number of universities and their host cities in its Urban Thinkers Campus (UTC) 2.0, to be held in Lincoln August 24–26, 2017 at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln's Innovation Campus.

The Roles and Opportunities for Small and Mid-size Cities in Town/Gown Relationships: Actionable Urban/ Rural Planning for the New Urban Agenda

is the topic of the conference. Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler and UNL Chancellor Ronald Green, along with Joslyn Institute President and CEO W. Cecil Steward, will host mayors, university administration representatives and other decision leaders from among the 14 cities and universities of the Big 10 Athletic Conference to discuss and lay the groundwork for how these universities and their host cities can collaborate, support, and strategize for long-term sustainability, resilience, and high qualities of life in the upper Midwest and Northeast areas of the U.S.

Watch our [website](#) for more information as plans come together.

#LincolnPublicMarket New Social Media Campaign

In an effort to provide a vital resource for everything related to Nebraska food—from producers to growing tips, from farmer's markets to food distribution information, from local foods vendors to nonprofits feeding the hungry—the Joslyn Institute has undertaken a new social media campaign. We have a [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter page](#), and we're encouraging all our friends to "like" us on Facebook, "follow" us on Twitter and to use the hashtag [#LincolnPublicMarket](#) when posting anything related to Nebraska foods. We hope you'll join us in making this campaign useful and relevant for all interested in Nebraska foods.



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