



Earth Day 2021 Events Across Nebraska

Even in this year of global pandemic, cities, towns, and college campuses across the state are gearing up for Earth Day, Earth Week, and Earth Month events. While Earth Day is officially April 22, there are activities going on all month. Here's a partial listing.

Earth Day Omaha April 17

Omaha's official Earth Day celebration will take place in Elmwood Park Saturday, April 17, 2021 for a Mini Earth Day celebration with a variety of socially distanced earth day events, including informational booths, children's activities, a cleanup with Keep Omaha Beautiful and yoga session led by Yoga Rocks the Park, among other demonstrations. Earth Day Omaha will also be hosting an **Earth Day Virtual Passport**, a month-long event from April 15 to May 15 including various exhibitor challenges.

<http://earthdayomaha.org>

Creighton University April 19-23

Creighton University will be offering a variety of opportunities to the Creighton community—some virtual and some face-to-face. A virtual opportunity will be free and open to the public—in collaboration with Santa Clara University in a week-long assortment of speakers, panels, etc. Creighton is tentatively the host for 3 of the segments during the week.

<https://www.creighton.edu/sustainability/events/earthmonth/earthday/>

Flower Power! Joslyn Art Museum Noon-2 pm, April 24

Create tissue flowers, weave a basket, or paint a flowerpot! This outdoor event is free to the public, but space is limited and people who want to attend must register in advance. Joslyn Art Museum is teaming up with Earth Guardians Nebraska, who will be in attendance with some great Earth-related information.

<https://www.joslyn.org/visit/teen-programs/special-events/>

Sarpy County Earth Day April 15-May 15

Green Bellevue has teamed up with Earth Day Omaha for 2021 to bring you the Nebraska Earth Day Virtual Passport. Connect virtually with Earth Day attendees (aka players) using the Nebraska Earth Day Passport app. Players will visit virtual Exhibitor "booths" by selecting Exhibitor Challenges and competing for daily points and prizes. The app will be a free service to the public, and players will have from April 15 to May 15 to complete as many Exhibitor Challenges as they choose.

<https://www.greenbellevue.org>



City of Wayne Green Team Earth Month Events
April 8 - Trash Walk Clean Up sponsored by Wayne High School FFA Chapter
April 23, 10am - Chamber Coffee hosted by the Wayne Green Team at the Wayne Public Library and virtually
April 25, 7pm - Free

Earth Day film—award-winning *The Biggest Little Farm*—at the Majestic Theatre sponsored by the Wayne Green Team, *The Biggest Little Farm* provides us all a vital blueprint for better living and a healthier planet. Wayne State College Green Team and the A. Jewell Shock Museum of Natural History
<https://www.cityofwayne.org/581/Green-Team>



Shred Day Union Bank & Trust

6801 S 27th St., Lincoln

9 am-noon, April 17

Bring up to 50 pounds of documents to be shredded for free. However, non-perishable food donations are welcome. This year, UBT is partnering with the Food Bank of Lincoln to make Shred Day an opportunity to give back to the community.

<https://lincolnearthday.org/event/shred-day-union-bank-trust/>

Lincoln Earth Day

The Lincoln Earth Day Coalition is in the process of working with community partners to celebrate together safely. Some usual Earth Day events will be held on Saturday, April 24. Details on a bike ride, yoga session, and climate action panel will be released soon on a newly redesigned website.

<https://lincolnearthday.org>

CCC-Grand Island April 15

11 am-12:30 pm

Student Sustainability Project Expo in 300 wing hallway

1-1:30 pm

ChargePoint Demo with CCC fleet electric/hybrid vehicles

tbd

Solar virtual tour with GenPro Energy

www.cccneb.edu/earthmonth

CCC-Hastings April 22

10-10:30 am

Emerald Ash Borer with Aaron Thiessen Grounds-keeping Supervisor

10:30-11:30 am

Arbor Day tree planting (5 trees total) meet at the gazebo near the Platte Building

1-2:00 pm

CCC bike ride to the wind turbine

2-2:30 pm

CCC Energy Technology Instructor Taylor Schneider at the Wind turbine Q and A

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CCC-Kearney April 28

11 am-12:30 pm

Outdoor student sustainability project expo and Kearney Center building tours

1-2:30 pm

Kearney Outdoor Learning Area Cleanup and tour with Audubon Society

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CCC-Columbus April 28

2-3 pm

Compost and electric vehicle charging station demo meet near soccer fields

2-5 pm

Sustainability Scavenger hunt on campus

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Arbor Day Everywhere April 30

Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Arbor Day by planting trees!

<https://celebratearborday.com/>



Resiliency Planning in Local Food Systems is April SLPS Topic

April's Sustainability Leadership Presentation Series (SLPS) program will be all about food systems and resiliency. The free Zoom web event will be 11:30 am to 1 pm, Tuesday, April 6.

Consider what our society is facing today: Climate change; inequities and insecurities in access to food, income, housing, social justice, healthcare, education—even energy and water; an increasing number of natural and man-made disasters, including a global pandemic. How should we think about these factors when trying to create sustainable communities? How can communities help to build capacity for more vital, equitable, and quality-of-life for all?

Food is one of the key building blocks of sustainability, and framing our community and resiliency planning with food systems as an integral piece of the core is necessary.

Four of the region's most knowledgeable experts—Nancy Williams of No More Empty Pots, Tim Rinne of Lincoln-Lancaster Food Policy Council, Miki Esposito of the City of Lincoln's Resilient Lincoln initiative, and Cecil Steward of the Joslyn Institute—will talk about smart ways we can plan for resiliency and vitality in our local food systems at the April SLPS.

The Zoom event is free and open to the public. [Click here to register and get the link to the Zoom event.](#)



Nebraska Recycling Council Recycling Collection Event

Sustainable spring cleaning just got easier! The Nebraska Recycling Council is hosting its annual recycling day event on Saturday, April 24, 9 am-noon at the Nebraska Innovation Campus in Lincoln. NRC's CHARM event (a Collection for Hard to Recycle Materials) is a one-stop collection event to recycle old electronics, batteries, scrap metal, EPS foam coolers and packaging, secure documents for shredding, textiles, and to donate reusable housewares and clothing. Most items are accepted for free except for TVs (\$10-\$35 fee based on size). A suggested donation of \$10 per vehicle benefits the statewide work of the Nebraska Recycling Council. Visit www.nrcne.org/2021charm for a complete list of acceptable items, limitations, and more information.

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