










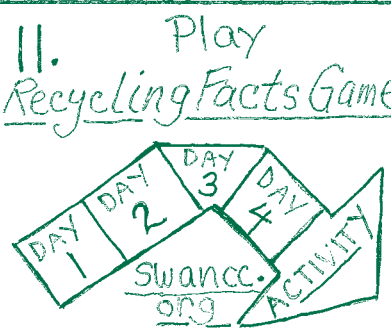

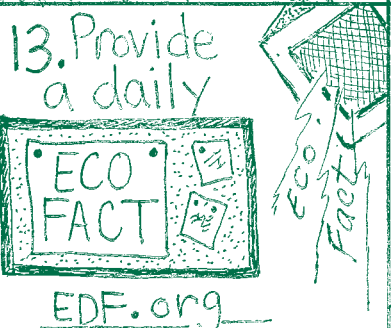




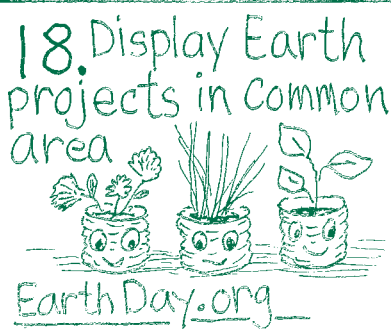




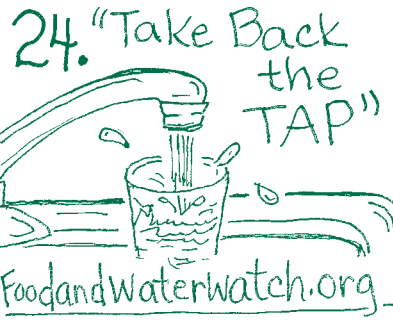
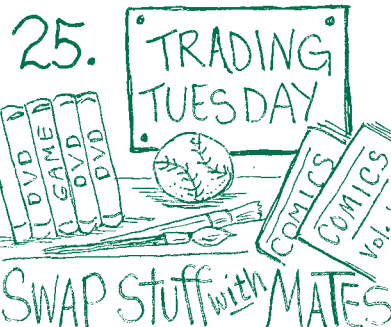

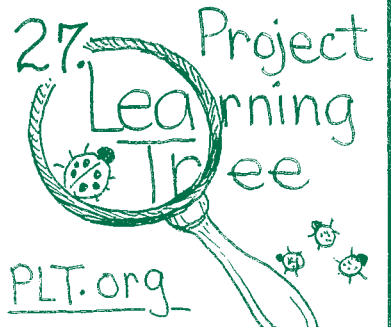




# APRIL

# ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS MONTH

# 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>"Let every individual and institution now think and act as a responsible trustee of Earth, seeking choices in ecology, economics and ethics that will provide a sustainable future, eliminate pollution, poverty and violence, awaken the wonder of life and foster peaceful progress in the human adventure." — John McConnell, Founder of Earth Day</p>						<p>1. On the GO?</p>  <p>Take Reusables</p>
<p>2. Shop with a LIST</p>  <p>use what you Buy</p> <p><a href="http://www.SaveTheFood.com">www.SaveTheFood.com</a></p>	<p>3. Make a pledge to</p>  <p>BE GREENER</p>	<p>4. Commit to reusable bags and "to go" containers</p> 	<p>5. Be straw free!</p>  <p>Plastic Pollution Coalition.org</p>	<p>6. Take old towels to pet shelters</p> 	<p>7. Promote the Recycling</p>  <p>DOs!</p>	<p>8. Check out Grassroots Recycling Network</p>  <p>WASTE</p> <p><a href="http://www.GRRN.org">www.GRRN.org</a></p>
<p>9. Collect Vases for Random Acts of Flowers</p>  <p><a href="http://RAFchicago.org">RAFchicago.org</a></p>	<p>10. Read about an environmental HERO</p>  <p>John Muir Naturalist</p>	<p>11. Play Recycling Facts Game</p>  <p>Swancc.org</p>	<p>12. Carry garbage in a bag for a week—</p>  <p>Share results</p>	<p>13. Provide a daily</p>  <p>ECO FACT</p> <p>EDF.org</p>	<p>14. Conduct a desk/locker clean-out</p>  <p>DONATE LEFTOVERS</p>	<p>15. Work with Community to clean an outdoor area</p> 
<p>16. Make a project from fabric scraps or misc. items</p>  <p>eco</p>	<p>17. EE Week resources</p>  <p>NEEFusa.org</p>	<p>18. Display Earth projects in Common area</p>  <p>EarthDay.org</p>	<p>19. Cut down on food waste</p>  <p>WastedFood.com</p>	<p>20. Get the environmental 411</p>  <p>Earth911.org</p>	<p>21. USE YOUR VOICE</p>  <p>Write a letter to town official</p>	<p>22. Earth Day is Today!</p>  <p>Earthsite.org</p>
<p>23. Interview a person over 65—how has waste changed?</p>	<p>24. "Take Back the TAP"</p>  <p>FoodandWaterwatch.org</p>	<p>25. TRADING TUESDAY</p>  <p>SWAP STUFF WITH MATES</p>	<p>26. Plan for a GARDEN or green space</p>  <p>KidsGardening.org</p>	<p>27. Project Learning Tree</p>  <p>PLT.org</p>	<p>28. ARBOR DAY</p>  <p>60 million trees story</p> <p>ArborDay.org</p>	<p>29. What's in That Product?</p>  <p>EWG.org</p>
<p>30. Learn more—take action</p> <p><a href="http://www.Storyofstuff.org">www.Storyofstuff.org</a></p>						

More information on back →

**SWANCC PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES**

SWANCC offers the following programs to residents that live in a member community for materials that can be recycled or need to be safely disposed. No business, school or institutional materials will be accepted. IDs will be checked.

- Battery Recycling (from households only)  
Alkaline and rechargeable batteries – tape ends
- Document Destruction Events
- Electronics Recycling (permanent drop-offs locations and one-day events)
- Fluorescent Light Bulb Recycling
- Holiday Lights
- Pharmaceutical Disposal
- Sharps Disposal

SWANCC offers a variety of resources to educate individuals about reducing, reusing and recycling opportunities, as products that can be healthier for our families and environment:

**Books, Curriculum, and DVDs For Loan**

- *Closing the Loop Brochure*
- *Eco Cleaning Guide*
- *Eco-Friendly Marketplace Guide*
- *Eco Landscaping Guide*
- *Green Pages Reuse and Recycling Directory*
- *Waste Reduction Solutions Brochure*

**Informational YouTube Videos:**

- *Composting at Home*
- *Electronics Recycling: Know the Law*
- *How to Dry Latex Paint and Dispose of Household Chemical Wastes*
- *Managing Special Materials*
- *Recycling 101: The Dos and Don'ts*

For details regarding the above programs and resources, or for additional information, visit [swancc.org](http://swancc.org) or call the Agency at (847) 724-9205.

**Connect With SWANCC**

Join the Agency's online community for upcoming event reminders and information on waste reduction, recycling and sustainability.



**GENERAL RECYCLING GUIDELINES**

PLACE IN RECYCLING CONTAINER	ACCEPTABLE	NOT ACCEPTABLE
<b>PAPER</b> 	Includes newspaper, magazines, junk mail, office paper, cardboard boxes, aseptic cartons to include milk, juice and soup containers, cereal/food boxes and paper egg cartons. Flatten all boxes.	Materials should be free of plastic bags and wrappers. DO NOT include bath tissue, paper towels, photos, laminated paper, or paper coated with food, wax or foil.
<b>PLASTIC</b> 	Plastic containers numbered 1-5 and 7. Caps can be left on empty bottles. Labels do not need to be removed.	Containers should be empty and free of excess liquids and food residue. DO NOT include utensils, plates, toys, plant pots, garden hoses or pools.
<b>METAL</b> 	Includes clean aluminum, tin and steel cans, foil trays and empty aerosol cans. Labels may remain on the containers. Place metal lids inside cans.	Containers should be empty and free of excess liquids and food residue. DO NOT include fire extinguishers, propane and helium gas tanks, utensils, hangers, small appliances, batteries or auto parts.
<b>GLASS</b> 	Rinse glass bottles and jars to include clear, amber, blue and green glass. Labels do not need to be removed.	DO NOT include light bulbs, mirrors, bakeware, ceramics, drinking glasses, window or auto glass.

<b>What About Plastic #6?</b> Many recycling programs on a national level no longer include #6 PS plastic, known as polystyrene (check with your local hauler). It comes in expanded (fluffy) and rigid (clear) forms. According to	industry experts, #6 PS plastic is not easily recycled because it is mostly air, often coated with food contaminants, and can cost more than other commodities to recycle due to its lightweight nature, lack of competitive markets and high	transportation costs.  However, <i>Abt Electronics</i> , 1200 N Milwaukee Ave., and <i>Dart Container Corp.</i> , 315 Evergreen Dr., in Aurora take polystyrene from homeowners.	Both companies have drop-off programs for plastic foam packaging and washed out food service items. Visit Abt at <a href="http://abt.com/green/">abt.com/green/</a> and Dart Container Corp., Inc. at <a href="http://dartcontainer.com">dartcontainer.com</a> for details.
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Plastic bags and wrappers should be stuffed into one bag and tied closed. Recycle them at your nearest participating grocery or retail store.

**Items on the NOT ACCEPTABLE list may contaminate an entire load of recyclables and SHOULD NOT be placed in your recycling cart or bin.**

NO auto parts	NO combustibles	NO holiday lights	NO toys
NO batteries	NO foam	NO needles/syringes	NO utensils
NO clothes hangers	NO food/garbage	NO paint cans	NO wires

**NO Household Chemical Waste. Visit [swancc.org](http://swancc.org) for information on proper disposal.**

For additional information about properly recycling or disposing of items, contact SWANCC at (847) 724-9205 or visit [swancc.org](http://swancc.org).

**PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES FOR YOUTH**

- [ClimateKids.nasa.gov/go-green](http://ClimateKids.nasa.gov/go-green)
- [EcoKidsUSA.org](http://EcoKidsUSA.org)
- [KidsFace.org](http://KidsFace.org)
- [Kids.niehs.nih.gov](http://Kids.niehs.nih.gov)
- [PBSKids.org/seekoworld](http://PBSKids.org/seekoworld)
- [PopulationEducation.org](http://PopulationEducation.org)
- [RootsandShoots.org](http://RootsandShoots.org)
- [ScienceKids.co.nz/sciencefacts/recycling.html](http://ScienceKids.co.nz/sciencefacts/recycling.html)
- [Soils4kids.org](http://Soils4kids.org)
- [StoryofStuff.org](http://StoryofStuff.org)
- [Wonder-Works.org](http://Wonder-Works.org)

**RESOURCES FOR HOME LIFE**

**Environmentally-Friendly Cleaners You Can Make at Home**  
[improvenet.com/environmental-friendly-cleaners-for-your-home](http://improvenet.com/environmental-friendly-cleaners-for-your-home)

**Environmental Working Group**  
[ewg.org](http://ewg.org)

**Stop Food Waste**  
[SavetheFood.com](http://SavetheFood.com)

**Go Green at Home: Resources for Kids and Adults**  
[homeadvisor.com/article.show.Go-Green-at-Home-For-Kids-and-Adults.17339.html](http://homeadvisor.com/article.show.Go-Green-at-Home-For-Kids-and-Adults.17339.html)

**Green Pools: Operate an Eco-Friendly Pool**  
[blog.intheswim.com/green-pools-operate-an-eco-friendly-pool](http://blog.intheswim.com/green-pools-operate-an-eco-friendly-pool)

**Midwest Pesticide Action Center**  
[midwestpesticideaction.org](http://midwestpesticideaction.org)

**Organic Consumers Association**  
[organicconsumer.org](http://organicconsumer.org)

**WaterSense | An EPA Partnership Program**  
[epa.gov/watersense](http://epa.gov/watersense)