



Earth Day on the Farm

What can we hobby farmers do to help celebrate Earth Day in 2008 and every day? Share your ideas!

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What's on Your Earth Day List...

Before you run off to care for the earth in your own way... tell us about it!

Email us one of your favorite Earth Day activities--or post it in our forum for others to see right away. Share your ideas! By now, most of us hobby farmers have planted the proverbial tree (or orchard or garden full of vegetables, etc.) in honor of earth day--or just because we want to.

What else can we do to make Earth Day special?

Here are some ideas we liked. We'd love you to share your ideas, too!

Learn about "Green-Based" Urban Growth

According to an article from National Geographic, groups of citizens, conservationists and public officials are organizing behind campaigns known as "new urbanism," "sustainable cities" or "smart growth." The campaigns aim to tackle the challenge of changing present patterns of local land use and development. [Read more](#)

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The Farmers' Almanac website suggests we teach our kids to live healthier and provide for themselves--even on a small scale--thru gardening and husbandry projects. Email us your kid-focused projects! To help your kids (and you) make more informed decisions about what to eat, consider these five ways to make your diet healthier.

[Serve Up an Earth Dinner](#)

Along with the health of the planet, celebrate organic, local and seasonal fare--including the special meaning behind each dish served. Tip: develop a menu that lists where the food came from or who grew it, its history and your dinner guests' personal connections to the meal. [Read More](#)

[Grab some friends or your family and watch a film!](#)

Here are a few geared toward Earth Day: [Power Shift: Energy + Sustainability](#): Explores renewable energy, futuristic design ideas and what each of us can do to move toward a more sustainable energy future. Hosted and Narrated by Cameron Diaz. [Get more info](#) [The Organic Opportunity](#): The story of how one county in Iowa used building a local, organic food system as their strategy for economic development. [Get more info](#) [The Story of Stuff](#): A fast-paced, fact-filled look at the underside of our production and consumption patterns. The Story of Stuff exposes the connections between a huge number of environmental and social issues, and calls us together to create a more sustainable and just world. [Watch it now...](#)

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