



EARTH MONTH 2014

This year the Green Oceanside Team is dedicating the entire month of April to environmental awareness and sustainability events. Join us in honoring the environment at one or more of the following events during Earth Month 2014. Here's your opportunity to learn about your local environment and participate in activities that not only protect it, but improve it. There's an event for everyone, including adults and children. For more information or to find out how to volunteer for any of the following events visit www.GreenOceanside.org.

Donate-First Day

The City of Oceanside is hosting Donate-First Day April 5, 2014! Instead of throwing away unwanted items such as clothing, appliances, household goods and furniture, donate them. Local non-profits and charities will join the Oceanside Green Team at the El Corazon Senior Center during this event to collect your items and distribute them to people in need. There will also be local food banks on hand to collect healthy food donations.

Master Composter Series

Would you like to become a Compost Ambassador to your community? The Master Composter Series is open to Oceanside residents interested in educating the community about the techniques and benefits of local and residential composting. Registration opens Friday, April 4, 2014. Visit www.elcorazoncompostfacility.com for registration information.

Compost Bin Design Workshop

Have you considered buying a compost bin for your home, but find they are too expensive or they don't reflect your personal style? The Compost Bin Design Workshop will guide you through the process of creating a compost bin by using repurposed items from your home. Instruction and worms will be provided! Registration opens Friday, April 4, 2014. Visit <http://www.elcorazoncompostfacility.com> for registration information.

Green Awards Reception

On April 23, 2014 the City of Oceanside will launch the Green Business Award Program at a reception to recognize businesses that are leading the way in their efforts toward sustainability. The location and details of this exciting inaugural event will be coming soon.

Farmers and Sunset Markets on the Road to Zero Waste

The City of Oceanside has partnered with MainStreet Oceanside to get the Farmers and Sunset Markets on the Road to Zero Waste. Join us on Thursday, April 24, 2014 as the Markets take the next step on this road and get rid of plastic shopping bags and Styrofoam! The Farmers Market is held from 9am to 1pm and full of wonderful local produce. From 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. the Sunset Market brings the addition of eclectic merchandise, food and live entertainment.

Create to Educate Performance Showcase

Come see Oceanside Youth on Friday, April 27 as they "act out" for the environment with their own creative flair at the historic Star Theater! Students will showcase their musical and theatrical talents as they entertain and educate the audience on the environmental issue that speaks to them. Come early and enjoy a lobby reception from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the Showcase beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Used Oil Filter Exchange Event

Recycling used oil and oil filters helps protect our waterways and ocean from pollution. Let the City of Oceanside help you take care of your car and our environment. Bring up to two used oil filters and receive up to two new oil filters FREE! Saturday, April 26, 2014 at O'Reilly Auto Parts, 3661 Mission Avenue from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Loma Alta Creek Cleanup

Join community volunteers on April 26, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. to help remove trash and debris from Loma Alta Creek. Volunteers can choose from several sites and will receive cleanup supplies, refreshments, and community service hours.

Earth Festival

This year the Earth Festival is moving to downtown Oceanside on Sunday, April 27, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Come join North County's largest Earth Day Celebration, loaded with fun and educational activities for all ages to enjoy. This year there will be even more environmentally friendly booths, the children's eco-zone, food and entertainment. In addition, there will be new areas of the Festival including the Vintage Market and Green Home Improvement Area with a Water Friendly Plant Sale.