



Earth Day Fun Facts

- 1. Earth Day is an annual event held on April 22 to honor and celebrate our remarkable planet and demonstrate support for environmental protection.**
- 2. The day is a reminder of the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability, encouraging us to come together and take action for a healthier planet and brighter future.**
- 3. First held on April 22, 1970 when San Francisco activist John McConnell, Denis Hayes a Harvard student, and Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson separately asked Americans to join in a grassroots demonstration to recognize the recent massive 1969 oil spill in Santa Barbara, California, and dangerously serious issues concerning toxic drinking water, air pollution, and the effects of pesticides.**
- 4. According to Earthday.org, April 22 was chosen as the date because it was the most convenient one for students at the time, given that it fell between spring break and final exams**
- 5. An impressive 20 million Americans, 10 % of the population, ventured outdoors and protested together.**
- 6. It now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by Earthday.org including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries.**
- 7. Today, not only is Earth Day meant to increase awareness of environmental problems, but it is also becoming a popular time for many communities to gather together to clean up litter, plant trees, or simply reflect on the beauty of nature.**
- 8. The official theme for 2024 is "Planet vs. Plastics."**