

Earth Day is a great time to reflect on the progress we are making to protect our environment and live more sustainably.

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Earth Day 2014

Earth Day is celebrated on April 22nd in the United States. The first Earth Day event in 1970 was organized by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson to draw attention to the negative effects of modern life on the environment. He was concerned about problems such as pollution and overuse of natural resources.

In the United States, Earth Day is not an official holiday, but it is still celebrated in many ways. Americans of all ages participate in events to increase public awareness of environmental concerns and to celebrate their respect for the environment. Earth Day encourages everyone to recycle and live in a more environmentally friendly way.

The theme for Earth Day 2014 is Green Cities.



Leonardo DiCaprio

Making a Greener Difference

From business leaders to celebrities and youth, individual activists are making a greener difference.

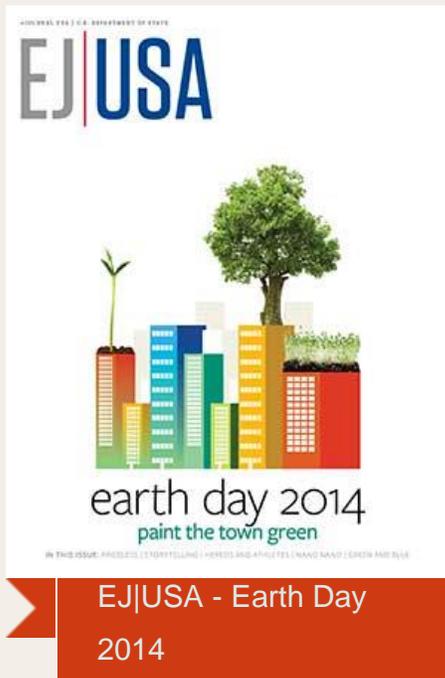
- [James Cameron](#), Green Director
- [Leonardo DiCaprio](#), Actor and Environmentalist
- [Ted Turner](#), Private Conservationist
- [Roxanne Quimby](#), Green Philanthropist
- [Cassandra Lin](#), Green Project Founder: Don't Dump the Cooking Grease: Help Keep People Warm
- [Sarah Jo Lambert](#), Youth Environmentalist



Denis Hayes, Chairman of Earth Day Network

Earth Day Videos Featuring Denis Hayes

Denis Hayes, coordinator of the first Earth Day and founder of the Earth Day Network, discusses 1) [how pollution crosses boundaries](#); 2) [how we can be prosperous and sustainable](#); and 3) [the importance of defending our planet](#).



Earth Day 2014: U.S. Cities Paint the Town Green

From Los Angeles to New York, Pittsburgh, Chicago and Portland, Oregon, this issue can be used to show how city leaders, residents and corporate leaders work together to make their environment greener one building at a time.

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