

Actions for Earth Month



Happy Earth Month! Please drop us a note at [ECO](#) if you take one or more actions.

- 1. Get Outdoors for Earth Month:** Take your family or friends outdoors to enjoy a program at one of our beautiful State Parks; click on [program calendar](#). Attend Carrboro's Earth Day Celebration on April 22, 5-7:30, or Durham's [Earth Day Celebration](#) on April 24. Take photos of local wildlife to contribute to biodiversity research with [City Nature Challenge](#), or simply be outdoors in a way you enjoy!
- 2. Tell the NC Utilities Commission: Save NC Solar!** Duke Energy has filed a petition with the NC Utilities Commission to change the rules on net metering, making rooftop solar less accessible at a time when climate scientists say we must be moving full-steam to decarbonize. [Click here](#) for more information on how to share your comments with the Commission.
- 3. Help Stop the Mountain Valley Pipeline:** Attend this April 7 online rally bringing together community leaders to share how they achieved recent wins, what it will take to stop this disastrous pipeline, and how you can help! 7pm, register [here](#). Also, check out this great article - [The Mountain Valley Pipeline is far from inevitable](#).
- 4. Tell Congress: It's Time to Stop the Oil Profiteering!** There's a simple way to stop this profiteering: put a tax on the excess profits oil companies are making because of

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this crisis and use the money to send a check to the people who need it. Congress must pass a windfall profits tax to stop Big Oil's profiteering. Sign [here](#).

5. Call President Biden's Chief of Staff and tell him **Biden must declare a #ClimateEmergency**, ban federal fossil fuel leasing, and jump-start just, renewable energy production using the Defense Production Act. It's time to build a new, healthier world! Ron Klain, Chief of Staff, (888) 431-7599.

6. **Support Native Wildlife:** Thinking of the birds and bees? Find a wealth of one-time and over-time things your family might do in your yard to support wildlife from bees to birds and more. Even little changes make a big difference in a short time. Plant a [nectar-producing \(NE\) plant](#). Provide nesting for the [brown-headed nuthatch](#); [help other birds of local concern](#). Support national [Monarch butterfly efforts](#). Learn a new approach, our [yards as homegrown national parks](#).

7. **Learn about Electric Vehicles** at a [Drive Electric Earth Day event](#), a nationwide celebration with virtual and limited in-person events to raise awareness of the many environmental benefits of replacing your gas-powered car with an all-electric or hybrid car, truck, or motorcycle. Used electric cars, as well as new cars, are available locally; see information about various makes and models at [Plug in America](#).

8. **Break the Biomass Industry's Hold on NC:** Biomass sounds great for replacing fossil fuels but clear-cutting is resulting in deforestation here in North Carolina and putting more greenhouse gases in the air. [Sign a petition to Governor Cooper](#) and learn more about the issues and how to oppose industrial logging at [Dogwood Alliance](#).

9. **Fight Plastic Pollution in our Waterways.** Learn about the harms these plastics do to our ecosystem, what Waterkeepers across NC are doing about it, and how you can help the Haw River Assembly. Check out [this video](#) for information. You can register to be a **Haw River Trash Trout** team member by contacting Emily Sutton, the Haw Riverkeeper, at emily@hawriver.org.