

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

CAMPUS EVENT SCHEDULE



DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
April 8-30		<p>Library Earth Day Display and Conservation Contest - West Kentucky Community and Technical College students, faculty and staff are invited to post ideas on ways to be “green” on campus. Prizes will be awarded.</p> <p>Bring your used batteries from home. The Earth Day Display will also have a collection box for batteries to initiate battery recycling with GPS-Recycle Now.</p>	Matheson Library Reading Room
April 19	12:30 p.m.	“Best Way to Plant a Tree” - Planting a <i>Celebrating Earth Day</i> dogwood tree on campus. Kathy Wimberley, UK Cooperative Extension Service.	Meet in front of Waller Hall
April 20	8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	“Solar Energy Power Source in Use” - Photovoltaic Equipment on Display (weather permitting)	Emerging Technology Center, West End
April 21	2:00 p.m.	“Coal Country” - Documentary film on mountain top removal. WKCTC Philosophy and Sociology Professor David Nickell will moderate.	Crouse Hall 101
April 22	2:00 p.m.	“Species of Concern in Kentucky” - Earth Day science seminar. Guest Speaker: Paul Rister, Fisheries Biologist Coordinator, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.	Crouse Hall 101
	3:00 p.m.	“Trashformation” contest winners announced following the seminar. Refreshments will be served.	
April 23	11:00 a.m. - 3 p.m	Shawnee National Forest Bell Smith Springs Field Trip (weather permitting) WKCTC Associate Professor of Biology, Bobby Ann Lee.	Meet in Waller Hall

OFF CAMPUS EVENTS:

April 22	5:30-10:00 p.m.	Environmental Film Festival - Series of videos focusing on environmental issues. (maidenalleycinema.com)	Maiden Alley Cinema
April 23	5:00-10:00 p.m.	WKCTC Concept Zero Student Group Concert , featuring Lew Jetton and Highway 61 South (concert is free and open to public)	Paducah Noble Park Shelter 16

Green Tips

1. **Unplug your chargers!** The EPA says that failing to unplug chargers accounts for almost 11% of all U.S. energy use and costs Americans almost \$10 billion a year. With an estimated 1.5 billion power adapters in use across the country, each U.S. household spends \$100 a year powering devices in a standby power mode. – Source: begreenminded.com
2. **Wash your clothes in cold water.** By using cold water instead of warm or hot, the average household can avoid emitting 1,281 pounds of carbon dioxide annually and save on energy bills. – Source: Josh Dorfman's Tips for Going Green on a Budget – <http://www.filterforgood.com>
3. **Exchange CDs, DVDs, and books instead of buying.** Visit sites like swapacd.com, swapadvd.com, and paperbackswap.com for access to thousands of CDs, DVDs, and books. Source: Josh Dorfman's Tips for Going Green on a Budget – <http://www.filterforgood.com>
4. **Use a toaster oven.** If you are only baking a few cookies or potatoes, use a toaster oven instead of your conventional oven and you will use 50% less energy! – Source: thedailygreen.com
5. **Use a draft "snake."** According to the U.S. Department of Energy, drafts can waste 5% to 30% of your energy use. To keep your heat from seeping under the door, just place a rolled bath towel under the drafty door or make a draft snake using scraps of fabric sewn into a long tube to fit the width of your door and filled with sand or kitty litter to give it heft. – Source: <http://www.thedailygreen.com>
6. **Change your furnace filters.** Replacing the furnace filter once a month during heating season will cut down on your energy demand. A dirty filter restricts airflow making your furnace work harder and thus consuming more energy. – Source: <http://www.thedailygreen.com>
7. **Turn down your water heater temperature.** By lowering the temperature of your water heater to 120°F (or lower), you can reduce your water heating costs by 6% to 10%. Better yet, go tankless. Tankless water heaters flash heat the water on demand and can be 24% to 34% more energy efficient. – Source: <http://www.thedailygreen.com> and <http://www.tanklesswaterheaterguide.com/>
8. **Turn off the lights.** Sounds simple. Lighting is responsible for about 11% of a home's energy bills. Switching to compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) that use about 75% less electricity than an incandescent bulb really helps. But no bulb saves energy like the one that's turned off. – Source: <http://www.thedailygreen.com>
9. **Switch to a laptop computer.** A laptop computer draws only 15 to 25 watts during regular use compared to the 150 watts a desktop with a monitor uses. Laptops also draw just a fraction of a watt when in sleep mode. Also, put the laptop's AC adaptor on a power strip that can be turned off when you are not recharging. – Source: <http://www.thedailygreen.com>
10. **Use recycled paper and save a songbird.** Choosing recycled paper products whenever possible. Logging in the boreal forest in Canada and Siberia is destroying songbird habitats at an alarming rate. – Source: <http://www.thedailygreen.com>