



EARTH DAY CAMPUS EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
April 16-20	All Day	<p>Library Earth Day Display - West Kentucky Community and Technical College will have an Earth Day display showcasing books on conservation.</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 16-20	11:00 a.m. - Noon	Bring Your Used Recyclables From Home - GPS-Recycle Now will have a recycle trailer on campus for all your recyclables. <u>Bring bagged plastic and bundled paper only.</u>	Parking Lot by Maintenance Garage
April 17	11:00 a.m.	“Never Buy Detergent Again” - WKCTC’s Jennifer Etherton will demonstrate how to save money and the environment by making your own detergent. (weather permitting)	Emerging Technology Center, West End
April 19	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	“Solar Energy Power Source in Use” - Learn the basics of solar energy. Photovoltaic Equipment on Display. (weather permitting)	Emerging Technology Center, West End

OFF CAMPUS EVENTS:

April 20	2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	WKCTC Concept Zero Student Group Concert , featuring live music and guest speakers. (concert is free and open to public)	Carson Park
April 21	10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m	Shawnee National Forest Bell Smith Springs Field Trip WKCTC Associate Professor of Biology, Bobby Ann Lee will be the advisor for the field trip. (weather permitting)	Meet in Waller Hall at 10:00 a.m.

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Tips For Going Green

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>