

The theme for Earth Day 2022 is 'Invest in Our Planet' and presents an opportunity to support local sustainable businesses, events and environmental advocacy groups. From film buffs to gardeners, this edition of NYC Lifestyle will help you appreciate all that Mother Nature has to offer in the big city.

GridRewards

FirstService Energy, our in-house energy advisory team, has <u>partnered</u> with <u>GridRewards</u>, a free, award-winning app that can help residents save money on Con Edison utility bills, improve their building's energy efficiency grade and track their carbon footprint. An average household can earn over \$100 a year! <u>Sign up</u> by April 29 to receive maximum savings!

Earth Day Spring Garden Clean-Up

The Bayside Historical Society in Queens is hosting an <u>Earth Day Spring Garden Clean-Up</u> on April 22. Attendees are invited to help remove weeds and overgrown greenery at the historic Castle in Fort Totten to prepare for new flowers and plants to sprout. Garden supplies will be provided.

Earth Day Grand Bazaar NYC

Grand Bazaar NYC on the Upper West Side is hosting a <u>fair for Earth Day</u> on April 17 featuring small businesses that upcycle materials to create new items, producing no waste. Items for sale will include jewelry, clothing, home décor and more. 100% of the profits will be donated to local public schools.

River Cleanup in Bronx Park

On April 21, the Bronx River Alliance invites New Yorkers to help <u>clean</u> <u>up the Bronx River</u>. The Alliance's Conservation Crew will be collecting river litter and debris at the Ft. Knox section of Bronx Park to help prevent animal endangerment and identify sources of river contaminants. All protective gear will be provided.



CinéSalon for the Climate

French Institute Alliance Française (FIAF) is hosting a month-long event at the Alliance's Florence Gould Hall theatre in Midtown, Manhattan. *CinéSalon for the Climate* showcases French films that explore our impact on the environment, how to continue forward in a less destructive way and activists working to inspire meaningful change.

Earth Day Initiative

Earth Day Initiative will take place in Hudson Yards from April 22-24. The three-day sustainability event will include guest speakers, live performances, interactive installations and local vendors. Additional activities include a clothing swap shop where you can trade yesterday's favorites for new digs and a sneak peek at Volkswagen's new electric SUV and Microbus.

Family Art at Wave Hill

Wave Hill in Riverdale is hosting a family art project, <u>Gratitude Garden for Earth Day</u>, on April 23. Kids will have the chance to create clay sculptures inspired by the gardens surrounding them. Participants are also encouraged to add affirmations or action statements to their sculptures regarding the planet and our role in protecting it.

Car-Free Day

Hang up the keys and get your walking shoes out on April 23, when New York will close over 100 streets to vehicles for Earth Day. Instead of cars, pedestrians will have access to activities and street performances including circus acts, art installations, food trucks, dance troupes and more. Click here to explore Earth Day street closures in your neighborhood.

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