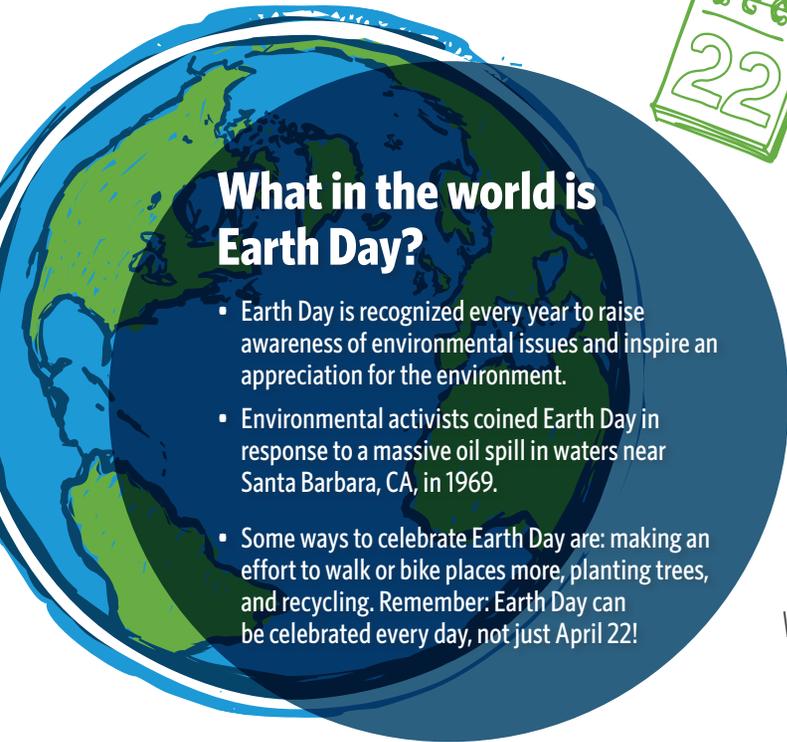


Fun Facts: Earth Day - April 22



What in the world is Earth Day?

- Earth Day is recognized every year to raise awareness of environmental issues and inspire an appreciation for the environment.
- Environmental activists coined Earth Day in response to a massive oil spill in waters near Santa Barbara, CA, in 1969.
- Some ways to celebrate Earth Day are: making an effort to walk or bike places more, planting trees, and recycling. Remember: Earth Day can be celebrated every day, not just April 22!



Getting to Work



Why does this matter? Earth Day is a great time to learn more about reducing our carbon footprint. By making choices such as driving less or using alternative commute options, we are making a positive change!

Commute Times

- Average one-way commute to work in the United States in 2018: **27 minutes**.
- States with some of the longest average one-way commutes to work: **New York (34 minutes)** and **Maryland (33 minutes)**.
- States with some of the shortest average one-way commutes to work: **North Dakota (18 minutes)** and **South Dakota (17 minutes)**.

How They Commute

- **Less than 1 percent (821,201)** of people in the United States rode a bike to work in 2018.
- **Almost 3 percent (4,026,138)** people in the United States walked to work in 2018.



Power Up!



*Why did the sun go to school?
To get brighter.*



\$15.4 billion: The total revenue in 2017 for all electric power generation establishments in the United States that generate electricity via renewable energy resources, including hydroelectric, wind, geothermal, biomass, solar, and other non-fossil fuel electric power generation.

1,428: The number of hydroelectric, wind, geothermal, biomass, solar, and other electric power generation establishments in the United States in 2017.

13,892: The number of employees working in hydroelectric, wind, geothermal, biomass, solar, and other electric power generation establishments in the United States in 2017.

Feelin' Hot, Hot, Hot

Across the **121,520,180** occupied housing units in the United States in 2018, it is estimated that...



Utility gas is used to heat more homes than any other fuel source.
(58.1 million homes)



Less than 2 percent (2.1 million) of homes were heated by wood.



Less than 1 percent (208,742) of homes were heated by solar energy.

Sources: Data on this page come from the U.S. Census Bureau's Economic Census, County Business Patterns, and American Community Survey.