



City of Phoenix



Becoming the most Sustainable Desert City on the Planet.

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The **TOP FIVE** coolest things happening this winter:



So many ways to celebrate the Earth!

Earth Day is April 22nd and there are many, many events that you can get involved in to show the Earth some love! Check out all of the Earth Month events on the right and get involved!



UPCOMING
EVENTS

March for Science

April 14 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM

Margaret R. Hance Park

<http://www.phxmarchforscience.com/>

“Party for the Planet” Earth Day Celebration

April 14 9:00 AM- 4 P.M.

<http://www.phoenixzoo.org/event-items/earth-day/>

Keep Phoenix Beautiful Earth Day

April 21 11:00 AM-4 PM Steele Indian School Park

<http://www.keepphxbeautiful.org/earth-day-phoenix/>

Bike to Work Day

April 18

<https://www.maricopa.gov/119>



April is also Water Awareness Month!

The City of Phoenix is also celebrating Water Awareness month with events and [an awareness calendar](#) featuring tips for both residents and educators.



Watch Sustainability in Action!

Interested in knowing more about City of Phoenix's sustainability goals and programs? Check out this [new video](#) highlighting the city's 2050 goals and programs.



Phoenix wants to know what you think about food!

Is eating healthy a part of your lifestyle or do you want it to be? Do you want to shop for fresh, local produce in your neighborhood? Do you want kids and seniors to have regular, healthy meals? These are the issues and more that Phoenix is focusing on to achieve our 2050 Local Food System Goals and we

[4/Bike-to-Work](#)

State Arbor Day Celebration

April 24 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM

<https://www.aztrees.org/event-2740207>

Arizona Eco Fashion Week 2018

April 24-28 FABRIC Tempe

<https://www.azecofashionweek.com/schedule>

What's Amazing

London Pilots Autonomous Pod Transport: This month, residents of London have the opportunity to test a fleet of driverless pods as part of research to support micro public transit.

[Read more.](#)

Half of Cars Sold in Oslo Last Year Were Electric: After ten years of work shifting the market, 50 percent of all new cars sold in Oslo last year were electric, 30 percent of them battery electric vehicles and 20 percent plug-in hybrid vehicles.

[Read more.](#)

Did you know?

On March 24th, Phoenix got a little darker as many buildings and homes joined about 18,000 landmarks and monuments worldwide in the celebration of [Earth Hour](#). Earth Hour is the world's largest grassroots movement for the environment and

want to hear from you. Phoenix is developing a Food Action Plan that will be a strategy-based community blueprint identifying actions to improve policies, programs, and education. Visit [Local Food Systems](#) for more.



City of Phoenix and SRP reach historic agreement The Phoenix City Council has approved [a 40-year partnership](#) with Salt River Project to help ensure reliable water deliveries in the future during extreme drought and shortage conditions on the Colorado River.

encourages people to take action for the environment starting with an hour of darkness.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“We’ve turned the corner on making our city more sustainable and we’re blazing the trail toward zero waste and creating a truly circular economy. In fact, late last year, at the North American Climate Summit, C40 and Bloomberg recognized only 10 cities in the world for leadership on sustainability. Phoenix was one of the 10”.

– Mayor Stanton, State of the City Address



EARTH DAY AS YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY

What if Earth Day was as beloved a holiday as Christmas or Fourth of July? A big holiday that everyone looks forward to with their own take on time honored traditions. After all, Earth Day is turning 48 years old this year and so is old enough to have wedged a prime spot into the heart of American culture. Earth Day is also as American as apple pie on the 4th of July as the very first Earth Day was celebrated in the United States on 2,000 college and university campuses. Today it is celebrated in 192 countries. Earth Day does have

substantial importance to it as it was chosen as the day to have countries sign the Paris Agreement, which the United States and 121 countries did in 2016.

So how can we celebrate Earth Day with the same enthusiasm as our other favorite holidays without the dreaded ecological footprint of the others? Here are a few ideas to celebrate Earth Day Sunday, April 22nd with your friends, family, and/or pets.

Start with waking up Sunday morning with the sun. Turn off your alarm clock the night before and wake up to the sun's rays greeting you with the new day and take a moment to appreciate that all of the Earth's energy was created at some point by the sun (yes even coal and oil).

Next, either walk, bike, or take public transit to the Farmer's market to buy some in-season, local, and organic produce for your meals of the day. Since it will be Sunday maybe you already did this if the Farmer's market was on Saturday. Prepare a delicious and nutritious vegan breakfast like vegan sweet potato pancakes and tofu scramble.

After breakfast, go outside and be in nature. Go hike in the desert and take in the various beautiful plants that the Sonoran Desert has to offer. Better yet, go outside and volunteer by cleaning up trash or restoring hiking paths.

Once you come home from your outdoor adventure, start the Earth Day party! Turn off all the lights and have a bunch of sustainable beeswax candles to light up the party. Make a "feast with no meat" that would rival Thanksgiving. Celebrate the blue marble planet with a blueberry cake! Challenge your friends and family to come up with various ideas as to how to be more sustainable in the upcoming year. This year let's try to ...compost!....eat more vegan meals!....go zero waste!... ..take more public transportation!.....install a xeriscape yard!.... buy secondhand!

Whatever you do have fun spreading your love for the Earth and creativity for sustainability! Remember not one person will save the world but if we get our friends and family to help us, we can make a lot of progress!

Happy Earth Day!



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