



# April 2025 Community Newsletter

## Earth Day Starts with You: Simple Ways Recycling and Green Waste Help the Planet

Earth Day is Tuesday, April 22, 2025, and is a great time to reflect on the small actions that can make a big difference for our planet. The theme this year is “Our Power, Our Planet” and encourages people to work together to transition to renewable energy source and reduce reliance on fossil fuels. One simple yet impactful way to help is through recycling and proper green waste disposal.



Recycling reduces the waste of natural resources by turning materials like paper, plastic, and metal cans into new products. This reduces the need for raw materials, saves energy, and reduces pollution. Regular recycling helps decrease landfill waste and lowers our carbon footprint.

Proper green waste disposal such as lawn clippings, leaves, and other organic materials is equally important. Composting or correctly disposing of these materials helps reduce methane emissions from landfills and provides nutrient-rich products that can benefit your garden.

As we celebrate Earth Day, remember that our daily choices matter. By recycling more and disposing of green waste responsibly, we’re contributing to a greener world for future generations.

Let’s make every day Earth Day!

Source: <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2025/>

## Strengthening Sustainability, One Leg at a Time - *Continued*

The "Three-Legged Stool" model highlights three pillars of community sustainability. If one leg is missing, stability is lost. This month we will focus on the economic impact leg of the stool.

Recycling provides significant economic benefits. For example, recycling 10,000 tons creates 36 jobs, while landfilling the same amount creates only six. On a national scale, recycling supports 681,000 jobs and generates \$37.8 billion in wages (EPA’s REI report).

Beyond job creation, recycling conserves landfill space, delaying the need for new sites and reducing transportation and processing costs. It also lowers energy use, supports a circular economy, and creates local business opportunities.

By recycling, you're helping create jobs, reduce costs, and drive positive changes in your community.

