

## Energy City Insights - Earth Day (April)

You're invited to celebrate Earth Day on April 22 by doing something beneficial for the planet. While COVID-19 might keep us from gathering for a park clean up or donating items to reuse stores or charities because of current business closures, there is still plenty you can do:

- Clean up your yard of trash and debris, especially those items that were covered under the snow all winter.
- Start your spring yard work and clean up yard waste. The [Elk River Compost Site](#) is open daily from 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. to all Sherburne County residents with an access pass. A variety of material is accepted at the site, and while compost site passes cannot be issued in-person at this time, requests for passes can be made by calling 763.635.1120 and sent out via mail.
- Take a trash bag along on a walk and clean up litter and debris - remember to practice social distancing.
- Get ready for gardening! Warm weather is (hopefully) just around the corner. Get your yard and garden ready for plants later this spring. Perhaps even consider planting a vegetable garden this year with these helpful tips from the [University of Minnesota](#).
- Reuse paper and cardboard in your home to make craft projects with kids. Reuse is always a great idea, maybe even try making paper out of recycled paper! There are lots of resources online to guide you through this fun project.
- Learn more about weather patterns and how the atmosphere affects our climate from the [National Weather Service](#).

There are a number of virtual Earth Day events happening online as well including the [San Diego Zoo's Virtual Earth Day Celebration](#) where animal-lovers can watch live cameras and become citizen scientists by tracking animal behavior, as well as [NASA's Science Live on Earth Day](#) to hear experts talk about technological improvements to the environment.