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Ways to help the planet:

- plant a **tree**
- clean up **trash** in your community
- use less **plastic**

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Saving the Planet

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Every year on **April 22**, Earth Day marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in **1970**. Earth Day inspired **20 million** Americans to demonstrate against the impacts of 150 year of industrial development which had left a growing legacy of serious human health impacts.

Senator Gaylord Nelson and youth activist Dennis Hayes worked together to create a series of **teach-ins** across the United States. The teach-ins educated people about the harms of pollution and the need to protect the environment. They called it Earth Day.

Today, Earth Day is recognized across the globe. With the signing of the **Paris Agreement** in 2016, countries discussed the rising global temperatures and the need to mitigate the effects on communities. The Paris Agreement being a legally binding **international treaty** on climate change, provides framework for countries to implements strategies and create actions that work towards being sustainable and reducing emissions.

Today, people from across the globe work on advocating for environmental **legislation**, conducting community rallies and hearings, and speaking out in protests, in order to promote sustainability, mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, and reduce waste.



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