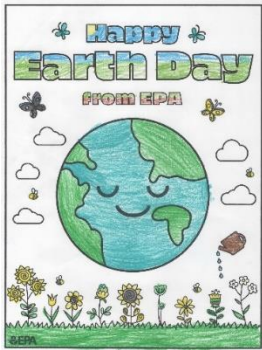


Celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd!



Each spring, EPA celebrates Earth Day on April 22nd to commemorate the first Earth Day in 1970 and to highlight all of the efforts that protect the health of our planet. There are all sorts of ways to get involved – during April, or anytime of the year. As we like to say at EPA – Earth Day, Every Day! Learn more about the history of Earth Day and EPA at our [Earth Day](#) site.

[Earth Day coloring sheets](#) are an easy way to engage students – just have them color in this fun sheet! Use the finished sheets to decorate your classroom, or have students discuss other ways to reuse/recycle them!

Check out our [Learning Adventures at Home or at School](#) guide for additional environmental education resources for children.

[Why Is Coco Red?](#) is a new book where students learn about how wildfires impact air quality and can affect their own health. Click on this link to our new [Why is Coco Red? video](#) to watch and listen to a narrated video version



Spring Cleaning with Safer Choice!



Happy Spring Cleaning! EPA recently released a first-of-its kind digital [Safer Choice Media Kit](#) to help educators, outreach coordinators, or anyone interested in raising awareness of Safer Choice products. Safer Choice is a voluntary EPA program that certifies cleaning and other products typically used in schools are made with ingredients that are safer for students, staff and the planet without sacrificing performance.

Check out the [Safer Choice Fact Sheet for Schools](#) for an overview of the program, and go to the [Safer Choice Products Search](#) site to find specific products with the Safer Choice label.

Safer Choice Spring Cleaning Week: this May 1st through 5th look for content from EPA's social media accounts, and add to the conversation with content of your own!

Contact Kendra Tyler at tyler.kendra@epa.gov for more information.

School Food Share Technical Assistance

School Food Share is a simple program supporting schools and food banks to work together to collect whole and packaged cafeteria leftovers and share them within their community. This program helps schools use the food to:

- 1) feed their own students, and
- 2) donate to their local food bank to fight hunger in the community.

EPA is offering technical assistance to support cafeteria waste prevention and/or a School Food Share Program with program setup assistance, sample posters and communications, classroom education materials, and more!

Interested in learning more? Please reach out to our School Food Share Coordinator, Kendra Tyler at tyler.kendra@epa.gov or R10schoolfoodshare@epa.gov.



Tools for Schools

Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools – did you know that nearly 1 in 13 children of school-age has asthma, which is the leading cause of school absenteeism due to chronic illness? Find resources from EPA’s [Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Action Kit](#) to promote healthy learning environments and learn about implementing indoor air quality (IAQ) management plans in your school.



IAQ Schools App – the key to maintaining good indoor IAQ is to conduct regular walkthrough assessments of your school facilities. EPA’s app is a “one-stop shop” for accessing EPA’s comprehensive school IAQ management guidance and detailed walkthrough assessment checklists that address critical building-related environmental health issues. You’ll find more info in the Action Kit link above or simply search in your mobile device’s App store

Tribal Lead Curriculum – interested in teaching your students or community more about reducing potential lead exposures? EPA’s [Tribal Lead Curriculum](#) can be adapted to a variety of learning environments and includes training materials, lesson plans and kids' activity sheets.



School Air Quality – Learn More and Get Involved!



Check out this recent [webinar recording](#) on indoor air technologies for schools: *Navigating Mature and Emerging IAQ Technologies in Your Schools for COVID and Beyond* – and visit our [Indoor Air Quality in Schools](#) site for upcoming webinars and to subscribe for email updates!

Listening Session to Address Air Pollution at Schools

EPA is holding listening sessions to get input on the design of a new grant and technical assistance program funded by the Inflation Reduction Act – **Funding to Address Air Pollution at Schools**. Please join and share your feedback on how best to address school air quality issues in low-income and disadvantaged communities. [Register here](#) for the April 26th session at 11 am (Pacific).

May is Asthma Awareness Month! Learn more about asthma triggers and how to take action at EPA’s [Asthma Awareness Month Site](#).

Searching for Funding Opportunities?

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NEW! EPA's [Children's Health Grants and Funding Opportunities](#) website can help! You will find a listing of EPA competitive funding announcements for projects and programs related to improving children's health where they live, learn and play.

Currently listed on the new site is this Notice of Funding Availability opportunity:

[Wildfire Smoke Preparedness in Community Buildings Grant Program](#) – grants are competitive, 3-year funding ranging from \$100,000 to \$2,000,000 for projects in communities with a demonstrated wildfire smoke risk that focus on public or public-serving buildings, and that serve disadvantaged communities or vulnerable populations

Public pre-schools, local educational agencies, and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply – **applications are due by May 9, 2023.**

Check out our other sites for additional information and resources:

- Past issues of EPA Region 10 Healthy Schools News: <https://www.epa.gov/children/healthy-schools-news-pacific-northwest>
- EPA Schools: www.epa.gov/schools
- EPA Environmental Education: <https://www.epa.gov/education>
- EPA Children's Environmental Health: www.epa.gov/children

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