

Take Action Toolkit: Children/Families



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Ready to make #realchange?

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- Tell others what you learned at One Earth Film Fest!
- Watch winning One Earth Film Fest Young Filmmakers Contest films. Talk about them with your family afterwards.
- Remember that everything you do can affect nature!
- Spend more time in and with nature
 - Look for animal tracks in the muddy ground in spring. What will you find?
 - Enjoy plant foods. How about an apple for a snack?
 - Take a walk or play a game outside
 - Plant a tree, a bush, or some flowers!
 - Clean up a park or forest preserve
- Think and talk about how everyone can and should have parks, healthy food, clean air, and clean water
- Join a "green" group that's for kids at your school or in your neighborhood
- Invite your family to the library & read about animals.
- Celebrate Earth Day and Earth Hour at home, at school, with friends

- Speak up! Tell people the Earth is important to you, and share ideas of how to care for it
- Don't waste water. Just use it for things that you really need. Like watering plants, brushing teeth and cooking.
- Balance the use of electricity and only use what you need.
- Join <u>plasticfreejuly.orq</u> with your family!
- Have your family check out A Family Guide to Goina Green
- Ask your grownup to help you learn where your garbage goes & if it's polluting the environment. EPA's Environmental Justice Screening & Mapping Tool: epa.gov/eiscreen
- Ask your grownup to help you write a letter to your congressperson & VOTE for candidates with strong environmental ideas and plans
- Ask your grownup to learn about and join environmental "lobby" days; in Illinois: ilenviro.org/environmental-lobby-day-2024
- In Chicago, your family can join Chicago Green **Families**
- Online green family resources: Children & Nature Network, National Geographic Kids: Green Tips,