

Oswego County is known as a county that works together and is proud of its environmental stewardship. With the diversity of land and water resources, it is only natural that we protect these local natural treasures.

It is with enthusiasm that the Oswego County Environmental Management Council invites individuals, schools, organizations and groups to participate in **Oswego County's Earth Week 2017 from April 22nd to April 29th**. Our theme this year is '**Clean Up and Green Up!**'

Clean Up: We are encouraging everyone to get involved with a litter and debris cleanup in your community or neighborhood. Whether it's a town park, roadside, empty lot or river bank, you can help. Whether a group or individual, we ask your participation in a cleanup that protects our resources.

Green Up: Planting trees and shrubs improves ground cover and removes pollutants from the air. Consider using native vegetation. Native plants add beauty to our landscapes and preserve our natural heritage. And because they are well adapted to local conditions, they generally require less long-term maintenance, provide food and habitat for local wildlife, need less water, and are more pest resistant than most cultivated varieties.

In addition to the cleanups, the EMC is also suggesting projects that help sustain and protect our environment. Use reusable water bottles and grocery bags. Recycle rain water for use on your garden and houseplants. Each small effort like this helps protect our land and water resources for the future.

We invite everyone to post their photos on the Oswego County Environmental Management Council [Facebook Page](#) as well as your own Facebook, Twitter or Instagram accounts, along with the hash tag #OswegoCountyEarthWeek.

For information on native plants and other resources, please visit www.oswegocounty.com/earthweek.html.

And, as always, please remember the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Thank you for your help and participation with this special countywide event.

Sincerely,

[Tim Carroll](#), Chairman
Oswego County Environmental Management Council