

# IMPORTANT DATES

## April 17 Earth Day Expo

Learn about recycling and other environmental topics at the Anchorage School District Education Center at East Northern Lights and Boniface between 12 and 3pm. Learn what's recyclable, where to take materials, and how to properly prepare them for recycling. Kids can play recycling games and make recycled books to take home. Try to stump the experts with your recycling questions and win prizes by demonstrating your recycling knowledge. Call 343-5151 for more information.

## April 22 Earth Day

Be a part of the Green Generation, this year's Earth Day theme. Celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day by visiting [www.earthday.net](http://www.earthday.net) to register your planned community events and your individual actions as part of the Earth Day Network's "A Billion Acts of Green" campaign.

## May 1-8 Anchorage Chamber Citywide Cleanup

For 42 years, the Anchorage Chamber has organized this week-long program bringing together local businesses, organizations, schools and the Municipality of Anchorage to rid the city's streets and neighborhoods of trash. In 2009, more than 4.5 million pounds of trash were collected and dumped during the community wide effort. More than 80 schools, 70 businesses and hundreds of volunteers from the Anchorage, Eagle River and Girdwood communities participated.

## May 1 Anchorage Chamber Super Sweeper Saturday

Jointly coordinated by the Anchorage School District and the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, the Super Sweeper Program challenges elementary, middle, private and high schools to get together to clean trash around their school and in their neighborhood.

## May 6 Anchorage Chamber Clean Sweep Celebration (5-7pm)

During Anchorage Chamber Citywide Cleanup Week, businesses and volunteers rally together after cleaning Anchorage's streets, parks and neighborhoods to celebrate at the Anchorage Chamber Clean Sweep Celebration at the Delaney Park Strip memorial block in Anchorage. At this free community celebration, hundreds of Anchorage residents enjoy stage entertainment, games and events.

## May 8 Creek Cleanup

Celebrate 26 years of cleaning up creeks and streams around the Anchorage area. Call 907-27-CREEK or email [thom@anchoragecreeks.org](mailto:thom@anchoragecreeks.org) if you would like to volunteer, sponsor or if you see large collections of trash and debris in or near a creek or wetland.

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## May 13 Recycling Drop-off Location GRAND OPENING (2 pm)

The recycling site at the Anchorage Regional Landfill in Eagle River moves to its new location near the public trash drop-off area. This will help prevent bottlenecks at the landfill entrance on busy days. The area also has expanded to accept plastic bottles and plastic jugs. (see page 10 for a map and tips)

## May 21 Bike to Work Day

(Bike to Work Week -- May 17-21)

Bike to work or school on Bike to Work Day. Register starting on Earth Day, April 22, as an individual or a team at [www.muni.org/BiketoWorkDay.aspx](http://www.muni.org/BiketoWorkDay.aspx). Take the post-event survey to win prizes. Let's beat last year's numbers again and we'll hope for sunshine for the 2010 event!

## August 21 Nursery Pot Recycling Drop-off Event

Start saving your plastic nursery pots now and drop them off for recycling on Saturday, August 21, from 10am to 5pm, at the Alaska Botanical Garden (off Campbell Airstrip Road, 1 block S. of Tudor). Two categories of pots taken: #2 HDPE pots and #5 PP, #6 PS and #7 Other pots, cell packs and trays.

More information is available in previous issues of the **A to Z Guide** at [www.muni.org/sws](http://www.muni.org/sws). Previous topics include household hazardous waste management, reuse opportunities, additional energy efficiency tips and more.



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