

## Opportunities to volunteer in the community to celebrate Earth Day 2024, care for creation and take positive action for our planet:

### Local Earth Day celebrations:

- [Sacramento Earth Day @ Fairytale Town](#) on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 10-3 PM. *For young children.*
- [Sacramento's Annual ECOS Family Earth Day Festival-](#) on Sunday, April 21st 11-4 PM. **FREE** @ Southside Park *featuring water & habitat, climate, and sustainability education with live music and lots of interactive booths.*
- [Ride Free on Sacramento RT](#) on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – ALL DAY- **FREE**

### On-going ways to Care for Creation

- [Consumnes River Preserve](#) –**FREE** easy day hike bring a sack lunch and enjoy the plants and animals
- [Preserving Laguna Creek](#) **FREE** ways to get involved

### Spring Clean-Ups:

- [Pacifica Ocean Beach clean-up](#) on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 9-11 AM.
- [Sacramento Tree Foundation Tree Planting](#) on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- [Spring 2024 Delta Waterway Clean-up](#) on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>@ Sherman Island from 9 AM - 12 noon.

### Spend time gardening to help our natural world:

- Plant native plants in your yards such as the Silver Lupines and milkweed which are essential to the survival of the Mission Blue and Monarch Butterflies.
- Remove invasive weeds (e.g. stink wort, Spanish Broom, Milk Thistle, etc).
- Install drip irrigation in your yard.
- Plant drought tolerant plants.
- Reduce grass landscaping.
- Plant native plants in your yard, especially bigger patches as they will help attract pollinators.
- Find alternatives to pesticides such as neem oil.
- Compost your green waste and use it to build a healthy and biologically diverse soil.
- If you can, leave some sections of your yard wild (not remove dead plants, brown leaves etc.) as this helps insects and birds
- Read these gardening tips from the [California Native Plants Society](#).
- Collect, rinse, and recycle all unused garden plastic #1-7 in the home and yard, like plant containers, and throw in your BLUE bin.

### Habitat Restoration

- Remove invasive weeds in a local park near your home.

- Join a habitat restoration group event near you (check Cosumnes River Preserve, American River Parkway, Folsom State Park, etc. and/or your local Land Trust).