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## Earth Day Network *News*

### Working for safe, healthy schools

Too many school children are trying to learn in buildings which are toxic to them and the environment. We can stop the cycle of environmental degradation by giving our kids green and healthy schools, healthy food, and environmental education which fosters awareness and inspires civic action. That is why Earth Day Network is launching a nationwide initiative to make every K-12 school in the US green within one generation. We must start now to build the environmental leadership of tomorrow! Our [GREEN Schools Initiative](#) is based in part on the strong success of our [National Civic Education Project \(NCEP\)](#) which is expanding to five major U.S. cities: Washington, DC, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Cincinnati, and Chicago. We have doubled our commitment this year to take civic action to improve the environmental health of America's communities. [Read more about our success!](#)

### Pushing for Aggressive Climate Action

EDN President Kathleen Rogers was asked to participate in the [Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting](#), Sept. 26-28, in New York, and work with heads of state, top business executives, preeminent scholars, and other NGO leaders on Energy and Climate Change issues. In mid-September, EDN co-sponsored the [Sundance Summit](#), which is an annual U.S. mayors' gathering on climate protection at Robert Redford's Sundance Preserve in Utah. President Kathleen Rogers discussed the results of EDN's policy work on current federal energy bills, including phasing out the inefficient incandescent light bulb. EDN also hosted a Women and Climate Change roundtable discussion at the Summit.



Sign up for the [Earth Day TV Guide](#) and get a monthly update on new videos and live broadcasts on [Earth Day Television](#). Learn how to build a sustainable home with the Building Green series and be inspired by Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Mathaai.



## Earth Day Network *Partners Spotlight*

### Mobilizing Our Youth

As the world wakes up to the reality of the climate crisis, it needs the fearless and uncompromising momentum of its youth. Earth Day Network is mobilizing its partners to help register millions of new young voters in the U.S. in support of critical state and national environmental initiatives.

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, EDN convened a meeting of leading youth-focused civic engagement groups to form a youth voter registration and mobilization table. At this meeting, EDN also announced plans to launch an online voter registration drive. Read more about the history of our voter education work through [Campaign for Communities \(C4C\)](#). You can also join us at [Power Shift 2007](#), November 2-5, the first-ever US national youth summit on global warming.



[Sundance Photo Gallery](#)

### Broadening the Movement

Earth Day Network reprised its role as one of ten Conveners of the [2007 National Latino Congreso](#), October 5-9 in Los Angeles. The delegates quickly and unanimously approved [EDN's three resolutions](#): a moratorium and phase out of coal-fired plants, a demand for green schools, and financing for renewable energy. Read more about [Environment Day](#).

### Earth Day Network *Action*



Thank you to tens of thousands of you who signed our **Urgent Climate Action Petition**, which is headed to Capitol Hill next week. Each of you, from every state in the U.S. sent a strong message to Congress to cap current emissions and to keep polluters from profiting off solutions to the climate crisis. Help us now to pass lighting legislation that will have the greatest impact on global warming. [Tell Congress to close the loopholes in the lighting bill now!](#)



Now, more than ever, our kids need environmental education, yet the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act may leave environmental education programs behind! You can help us dramatically improve our nation's ability to prepare future leaders for the environmental realities of the 21st century. [Tell Congress to include environmental education in NCLB!](#)



No Child  Left Inside

### Engaging Worldwide

Check out EDN's new [interactive map](#), featuring Earth Day 2007 partner events worldwide. Then stop by our new [Discussion Board](#) where we encourage you to share your policy views, ideas and Earth Day 2008 plans. Educators may also want to join EDN's walking tour of Thoreau's Walden Pond or enter the Go Organic Curriculum Contest in our [Educators' Network](#) section.

### Cutting Edge Green Technology

Want to learn about vehicles that get more than 100 miles-per-gallon? How about state-of-the art home appliances, energy saving holiday lights, and ways to help out the environment? Our partner the Alliance to Save Energy's first annual [EE Global Forum and Exposition](#) will showcase the vast potential of energy efficiency to the public and will offer presentations and entertainment about these all new technologies and more at the event's Public Day. On Sunday, November 11, Public Day will show everyone about the various ways to help their pocketbook and the environment through energy efficiency through activities for people of all ages to engage in at the Washington DC Convention Center. Go to [www.earthday.net/fivedollarcoupon.pdf](http://www.earthday.net/fivedollarcoupon.pdf) to download a coupon for half off the entry fee.

### Walking the *Talk*

#### The Gift that Keeps on Giving

In Washington D.C., the largest charity campaign in the nation, the [Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area \(CFCNCA\)](#) has begun and you can help raise funds for Earth Day Network. Encourage your family, friends and associates who are federal employees to designate Earth Day Network (CFC #10625) as a recipient of their payroll charity deduction. If you prefer, you can also [donate](#) through our website.

#### Free Earth Day T-shirt Special

Our efforts to green schools and pass important energy conservation legislation need your urgent support. **For the next 48 hours ONLY** (until Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> at midnight) - you can [become an EDN member at the \\$35 level](#) and also receive an organic cotton Earth Day t-shirt in addition to the regular one-year subscription to [E-Magazine](#).



Countdown to Earth Day 2008 by downloading the [Earth Day Countdown Button](#) to your personal and business websites. It clicks through to the Earth Day events search engine. We also want to hear your opinion about some of our Earth Day 2008 plans. Take our quick [Earth Day Poll now](#).



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### Help Us Register Environmental Voters

EDN needs your help in the trenches! Visit our [Volunteer Center](#) and sign up to help raise awareness and inspire action for the environment. **We're in urgent need of volunteers to help register environmental voters.** This is your chance to do your part to help improve the quality of life in your community and thousands of others. Whatever your interests and talents, we can use you. The time to step up is now. If you are too busy to volunteer, we also welcome your tax-deductible donations of office supplies and IT equipment.

## Earth Day Network **Green Living**



Write to our Green Living Expert Amy Todisco - [Todisco@earthday.net](mailto:Todisco@earthday.net)

Dear Amy, How much more efficient are toaster ovens than ordinary ovens? Kate in Petoskey, MI

Great question! In general, small appliances use about half the wattage of an electric oven because they heat a smaller area doing the same job. A toaster oven consumes much less energy than a conventional oven. It's faster and ideal for cooking small quantities of food. BTW - here's another quick tip - preheat the oven only when necessary. Most foods will cook satisfactorily without preheating.