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EARTH WEEK

We've tackled Earth Week by aligning each day with a Sustainability topic and pulling some of our favorite resources! Each day features a reading, a video, an activity and an action you can explore with your students.

To make this document applicable to your students, please copy and edit.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Green Space	**Water**	**Waste**	**Climate**	**Energy**
Video National Public Radio "How Can Green Roofs Help Cities" **Reading** GrowNYC School Gardens Bioswales reading and video **Activity** NY Restoration Project "Why Trees Matter Quiz" **Action** Identify and protect a street tree in your neighborhood. Use NYC Parks Department "Street Tree Finder" to identify, locate and take care of a tree near your home or school.	**Video** NYTimes "A Billion Gallons A Day" **Reading and Questions** NYC DEP "From Mountain Top to Tap" **Activity** NYC Department of Environmental Protection "Water Use Calculator" **Action** Teach someone in your family the many ways that they can reduce their water use. NYC Department of Environmental Protection "Dos and Don'ts of Water Conservation"	**Videos** GrowNYC "Rusty: A Zero Waste Journey" Business Insider "What Happens To NYC's 3.2 Million Tons Of Trash" **Reading** GrowNYC "Why Zero Waste Matters" City Limits "Life Near a Landfill" **Activity** EcoRise "Personal Waste Audit" **Action** Set up a recycling station in your home. Using what you have, design a place for you and your family to sort your waste! DSNY "What to Recycle"	**Video** PBS Kids and Global Weirding "I'm only a kid I can't do anything about climate change...right?" **Reading** EPA's Basics of Climate Change **Activity** Explore MIT's Climate Scenario Calculator to see how different scenarios impact the future. **Action** Become a Climate Ambassador and commit to discussing climate change with three new people this week. Climate Museum "Climate Ambassador Card"	**Video** NYTimes "A City Shaped by Steam" **Reading** NYTimes "New York 101 How NYC Gets its Electricity" **Activity** EPA "Simple Energy Audit" **Action** 1 Hour, No Power. Spend one hour using no electricity! Don't turn on the lights, use your phone, watch TV, or play on the computer. Can you complete the challenge? Earth Hour "Different Ways to Take Part"