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## EARTH DAY 2011

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*"As we continue to tackle our environmental challenges, it's clear that change won't come from Washington alone. It will come from Americans across the country who take steps in their own homes and their own communities to make that change happen."*

-- President Barack Obama



In honor of Earth Day, which is celebrated each year on April 22, U.S. Ambassador to Thailand Kristie Kenney hosted a "Recyclable Tree Contest" at her residence - where embassy staff teams used wood and paper products to build a tree. Earth Day was first celebrated on April 22, 1970. This is the 41st Anniversary of Earth Day. More than 1 billion people in 192 countries now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world. [Read more.](#)

### EARTH DAY 2011: PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION

"For over 40 years, our Nation has come together on Earth Day to appreciate and raise awareness about our environment, natural heritage, and the resources upon which generations of Americans have depended. Healthy land and clean water and air are essential to the health of our communities and wildlife. Earth Day is an opportunity to renew America's commitment to preserving and protecting the state of our environment through community service and responsible stewardship." [Read the full transcript.](#)

### COMMIT TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

[Earth Day: The Progress We've Made](#) (April 22, 2011) - US Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson looks back on progress so far, and looks forward to continued effort to make sure all Americans get the protections and opportunities they need and deserve.

[Climate Friendly Parks in America](#) (April 12, 2011) - A few years ago, Zion National Park sold more than 60,000 plastic bottles of water annually to thirsty visitors. Most emptied bottles landed in trash bins and some littered trails in the pristine park. Today, visitors must bring their own bottles or buy reusable steel bottles at the visitor center and fill them up at one of six water-filling stations in the park.

[Green Corporations in the United States](#) (April 12, 2011) - 'The greatest commercial opportunity in history' is what some experts are saying about green technologies. These technologies include renewable energy and energy efficiency, as well as water- and land-related innovations. The US Commerce Department reviews investing and the environment, and visits environmental industries offices to see how U.S. corporations are going green.

## **GOING GREEN**



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