



## Earth Week: Online Edition

Earth Week has always been one of The Office of Sustainability's biggest events and due to circumstances, and Bellevue College's COVID-19 response, we have had to adapt and change our programming. The Office of Sustainability will continue online, making this the 21st annual Earth Week – a week of exciting climate justice related activities!

For some background, the first Earth Day was on April 22nd 1970. Our theme this year is "50 Years of Change" in alignment with the 50th anniversary of Earth Day! Even though it's online we still have some fantastic opportunities for you to engage in climate justice and sustainability learning in reflection of our theme.

Stay updated on our Earth Week schedule and events here:  
[bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/events/earthweek/](https://bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/events/earthweek/)

## Earth Week: Event Preview

Unlike previous years all our events will be 100% completely online for safety precautions. These are just a few of the many virtual activities and webinar sessions we will be hosting!

### Climate Anxiety – Staying Engaged Without Getting Overwhelmed

Our world is under stress like never before. It can be difficult to know what to do. The City of Bellevue and Bellevue College are pleased to host Dr. Jennifer Atkinson of UW Bothell in a virtual discussion on how individuals can channel concern into action. She will be joined by Jennifer Ewing the City of Bellevue's Environmental Stewardship Program Manager, who will talk about what the city is doing to address climate change and how residents can get involved

### Couch Potato Film Festival

A personal list of our recommended sustainability documentaries where you can win a Green Cleaning Kit with a written review!

### Dirt DNA: Establishing a "Thermometer" for Fighting Climate Change

In the 50 years we have been officially celebrating Earth Day we have encountered some of the most unprecedented and damaging shifts to the Earth's environment. At The Nature Conservancy's Ellsworth Forest Preserve with Dr. Tiara Moore, we are linking these concepts by using soil environmental DNA data to inform our restoration efforts and mitigate the impacts of Climate Change.

### Earth Day Network: Take Action

Join Earth Day Network at [earthday.org](https://earthday.org) and on social media (@earthdaynetwork) for 24 hours of new, powerful ways for you to demand action and drive change.

As a reminder this is only a small number of our events and all events will be subject to change



## Belletrist: Social Justice Issue

The Belletrist is a literary arts journal published at Bellevue College featuring work from students. They will be releasing a issue which is part of a campus wide initiative to increase awareness of climate justice. If you are a Bellevue College student or alumnus, you can sign up to have the 2020 edition of Bellezine delivered straight to your door!

Sign up here for a free issue:  
[belletristmagazine.com/news/free-copy-of-bellezine-2020/](http://belletristmagazine.com/news/free-copy-of-bellezine-2020/)

## New Sustainability Focused Class

Starting SUMMER 2020: PHIL 122 Environmental Ethics  
 Students study the various conceptions of the value of the environment and how these bear on environmental policy debates.

Starting FALL 2020: POLS 250 Environmental Politics  
 Students will learn about the history of environmental politics and examine key debates concerning environmental policy and civic action.

## Have a Project Idea to Implement on Campus?

The Student Environment Sustainability Fund (SESF) provides students, faculty, and staff a means to enhance Bellevue College's sustainability efforts and create positive social and environmental change on campus.

Get started here: [bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/sesf](http://bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/sesf)

## Energy Saving Tips

### Heat Trap

Do you have any drafty doors or windows? These can cause a significant amount of heat to escape outside, causing you to heat more and pay more. Consider looking into retail solutions to drafty doors and windows. A free alternative is to simply roll up a towel and place it at the base of the door.



### Let's Hang

Wash your clothes on the cold cycle and make sure the load is full. Doing this reduces both energy and water usage. When drying your clothes, tumble dry on low or hang dry them. Not only do these actions reduce energy use, they increase the life of your clothes!

## Be In the Know!

Keep an eye out for the Office of Sustainability's future events, initiatives, and resources through BC's daily FYI Digest, our website and social media.

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