

Earth Day to be observed locally

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Some will celebrate Earth Day this week by planting trees, some by riding bicycles, and some by switching to reusable bags.

Events throughout Los Angeles County range from park get-togethers with green demonstrations to city giveaways of free reusable bags.

Pasadena will hold its Greening the Earth Day and Family Arts Festival at Memorial Park on Saturday from 10a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will include exhibits on green power, recycling, hybrid vehicles, and green building and sustainable design.

At 1:30 p.m., a bicycling group, Cyclists Inciting Change through Live Exchange, will lead a bike tour leaving from the festival. The group will meet at the Levitt Pavilion.

The group will take cyclers of all ages and skill levels on a tour of Pasadena's best tree-lined neighborhoods.

Other events include:

A live music concert at Covina's Northview High School at 5:30 p.m. today. Half of the profits from the event will be donated to Earth-friendly organizations.

A tree planting in Diamond Bar will take place at Pantera Elementary School at 801 Pantera Drive on Friday.

Cal State Los Angeles will hold an Earth Day celebration from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, with free food.

The cities of Covina and South El Monte are both offering residents one reusable shopping bag to give residents an incentive to cut down on plastic bag usage.

Longo Toyota, at 3534 N. Peck Road in El Monte,

will host an all-day recycling event. The public is welcome to bring in old electronic appliances, used motor oil, and can bring in office documents to be shredded.

Honda will be handing out reusable bags at several Pasadena locations: 11:30 a.m. to noon at the Pasadena Farmer's Market at 363 E. Villa St. and 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. at Trader Joe's at 610 S. Arroyo Parkway.

The Santa Anita Church, at 226 W. Colorado Blvd. in Arcadia, will hold a service Sunday to celebrate the Earth. The service begins at 10 a.m.