



Scottsdale Earth Week

celebrates our commitment to a sustainable future

From volunteer road cleanups and guided nature walks in our beautiful preserve, to an edible garden presentation and xeriscape garden tour, Scottsdale has a full line-up of events for everyone looking to recognize Earth and Arbor Day.

Scottsdale Earth Week begins on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, and runs through Arbor Day, Friday, April 28, concluding with a tree-planting ceremony to celebrate Scottsdale's 41st year as a Tree City USA community. Earth Week is an opportunity to shine the light brighter on environmental topics that Scottsdale focuses on year-round.

April 22 - April 28

Here's what's happening in Scottsdale:

Saturday, April 22

Scottsdale Green Expo – 8-11 a.m.

[North Corporation Yard](#)



You're invited to be part of a special re-dedication ceremony honoring the "Son of Godzilla," the Scottsdale invention that advanced modern trash and recycling pickup. There will also be two art workshops about reclaimed materials and naturally dyed creations. Bring your reusable water bottle to fill up at our Scottsdale Water trailer!

Spring Citywide Adopt-a-Road Cleanup

[Various times and locations](#)

In partnership with Keep Scottsdale Beautiful, we are hosting a citywide Adopt-a-Road cleanup Saturday, April 22. We provide safety vests and litter bags will be provided. We will remove litter bags after each organized cleanup, if notified prior. [Learn more and register.](#)

Lifecycle of the Saguaro Guided Walk

[Brown's Ranch Trailhead](#)

Native only to the Sonoran Desert, these giant cacti are sights to see! Our McDowell Sonoran Conservancy steward guides will follow the growth of a Saguaro from seed to skeleton and view multi-armed, old saguaros. This easy hike covers 1 mile on the Jane Rau Trail.

Sunday, April 23

Nature as Therapy Guided Walk
7:30-9:30 a.m.

[Brown's Ranch Trailhead](#)

Enjoy an easy walk at Brown's Ranch Trailhead where McDowell Sonoran Conservancy steward guides will teach you how to use nature as a prescription to improve your overall well-being.

Monday, April 24

Hike with a Natural Resources Coordinator – 7-9 a.m.

[Pima Dynamite Trailhead](#)

Spend 1 to 1.5 hours on an easy, informative hike with natural resources coordinators from the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

Tuesday, April 25

Hike with a Natural Resources Coordinator – 6 a.m.

[Saguaro Loop - Gateway Trailhead](#)

Spend 1 to 1.5 hours on an easy hike with natural resources coordinators for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

Xeriscape Garden Tour

1 p.m. (30 people limit)

[Xeriscape Garden at Chaparral Park](#)



Take a tour with the city's arborist, plant expert and irrigation specialist and learn about the fundamentals of an efficient Arizona garden and how using desert-friendly plants can be beneficial in your own yard. This is an outdoor walking tour; appropriate footwear and environmental protection (hat, sunscreen, water) are encouraged. [Learn more and register.](#)

Wednesday, April 26

Hike with a Natural Resources Coordinator – 7-9 a.m.

[Brown's Ranch Trailhead](#)

Spend 1 to 1.5 hours on an easy, informative hike with natural resources coordinators from the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.



For more information about the events and locations for Earth Day, scan the QR code to the left.

Thursday, April 27

Earth and Arbor Day ArtWalk
6:30-9 p.m.

[Scottsdale Art District](#)

Come and enjoy a beautiful evening perusing the [Scottsdale Arts District](#), residing along Main St. from Scottsdale Road to Goldwater Blvd. and north of Indian School Road on Marshall Way to 5th Ave., listening to live music, sampling refreshments and more. Participating SGA member galleries will be showcasing sustainable art practices and works. [Learn more.](#)

Rewilding Your Gardens and Landscape With Joan Baron – 6-7:30 p.m.

[Granite Reef Senior Center](#)

Environmental artist and master gardener Joan Baron invites you to a lively, hands-on experience around food and wildflowers and the chance to learn about sustainable practices for year-round success. Walk-ins welcome.

Bike to Work or Wherever Day

6:30 – 9 a.m.

[At various locations](#)



Scottsdale encourages you to go for a nice bike ride. Free t-shirts, stickers and breakfast snacks. Visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Bike Month."](#)

Friday, April 28

Arbor Day Celebration – 8 a.m.

[Chaparral Park](#)

(south end of the park near the lake)



TREE CITY USA

Scottsdale is proud to be recognized as a Tree City USA community for 41 years, more than any other Arizona community. Mayor Ortega will read the Arbor Day proclamation and there will be a tree-planting ceremony.



Thank you to the Scottsdale Garden Club, Daughters of the American Revolution Major Winfield Scott Chapter and SRP for donating trees.