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COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNITY EARTH WEEK CLEAN UP - APRIL 16 through 22

The **Okaloosa County** Environmental Council (OCEC), the Tourist Development Council and the County Commissioners will cosponsor a Community Clean Up **April 16 - 22, 2012** in conjunction with the annual observance of Earth Day, Sunday, April 22. In addition to the **Earth Day Beach Cleanup**, citizens are encouraged to get out **and clean up their local community** and neighborhoods.

The **Earth Day Beach Clean Up is Saturday, April 21, 8-10 AM**. All county residents plus community civic, volunteer, school, and environmental organizations are encouraged to **schedule activities** to promote **neighborhood trash pickup**, anti-litter education, and environmental awareness **anytime throughout the week**. Dress comfortably, wear sunscreen, use protective gloves, and drink plenty of water.

All trash should be disposed using the **usual collection and removal services** within your city or unincorporated county. Be safe, healthy and proud of your neighborhood.

Instructions for managing waste collected in **unincorporated areas of county** are as follows:

- Recyclables can go in your curbside recycling bin: (single stream attachment)
- Non-recyclable garbage/litter should be bagged and placed in your curbside garbage container at home
- Yard trash (limbs) can be placed at the curb for pickup by your hauler
- Bulk waste (furniture, old tires, treated wood, appliances, TVs, computers) can be placed at the curb for collection--please call your hauler to let them know that you are setting "bulk waste" out for pickup--this service may vary depending on your service area

Visit the OCEC web site: <http://www.co.okaloosa.fl.us/environmental.html>, or Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Okaloosa-Environmental-Council/30036842975.

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