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Earth Day 2004 – Your Community, Your World

Help protect the earth's environment by starting right here at home.

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APRIL 14, 2004 -- "Clouds have no respect for human boundaries," David Suzuki states in his public television series called Sacred Balance, a nature program produced in association with the National Science Foundation, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and others. As [the series](#) explores how humans interact with and impact our global environment, they visit scientists in Banff National Park, Canada, who are examining toxic chemicals in a polluted alpine lake.

The team studying the glaciers is led by Dr. David Schindler, one of the world's leading environmental scientists and the 2001 recipient of Canada's [Herzberg Gold Medal](#) for Science and Engineering. They theorize that many of the organic pollutants originate at more southern locations on the other side of the Pacific Ocean where they vaporize into the atmosphere, travel great distances around the planet, and then fall back to earth in rain and snow.

Schindler's studies demonstrate that, atmospherically, it truly is a small world. Chemicals used in one part of the world are not just polluting that region, but they are also adversely affecting people and wildlife elsewhere on the planet.

This Earth Day, April 22, is an opportunity to learn how you can help bring balance back to the earth's environment. A focus of this year's Worldwide Earth Day celebration is [Campaigns for Communities](#). By taking to heart the slogan, "Think globally, act locally," communities can take simple steps to improve their local environments, which will, in turn, improve our shared global environment.

These steps include reducing air pollution; improving child education and facilities; promoting the study of environmental health sciences; incorporating sustainable, "green design," for buildings and communities; reducing our emissions of dioxins, mercury, lead, and PCBs; finding safer pesticide alternatives; improving right-to-know public access to environmental records; supporting environmentally-friendly transit solutions; reducing household waste; and preventing the pollution of local streams, lakes and groundwater.

How can you help? View a listing of several [individual and citywide Earth Day activities](#) that directly contribute to these goals. By participating, you can have a positive impact on Denver's local environment, and help protect the health of all of your neighbors throughout the world who share the same beautiful planetary home.

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