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Celebrate Sustainability Solutions and Local Food at Oakland EarthEXPO

Oakland, CA – Over **80 exhibitors** and **2,000 attendees** will take part in downtown Oakland's springtime green fair – **EarthEXPO** – on Wednesday, April 13th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's fair, held at Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, will feature **Local Eats** – lunch menus of fresh, local and sustainable foods sold by local food vendors. For those interested in learning more about sustainable food, several exhibitors will provide information about composting, backyard and community gardening, buying local, organic foods and much more.

"Food connects to every part of the environmental picture," says Bryn Samuel, EarthEXPO Coordinator. "We're encouraging downtown office workers and residents to come have a delicious local lunch and stay to learn how their food choices can reduce their impact on the environment and stimulate the local economy. We're excited by the diversity and energy of our local food community."

EarthEXPO also features three interactive "Close the Loop" walking tours. Walking tour cards, available at the event, will guide participants to exhibitors grouped in either the "Food Loop," "Energy Loop" or "Recycling Loop." Have your tour card marked at each exhibit and return it to the City Pavilion to receive a gift.

Alameda County residents who recycle food scraps at home can see the results at the **WM EarthCare** booth, offering samples of 100% recycled mulch, compost and soil blends locally sourced and processed from Alameda County food scraps, yard trimmings and clean lumber debris.

Representatives from **QuEST** will be on hand to introduce the new **Oakland Shines** energy efficiency program for downtown Oakland businesses. See how much energy is required to operate different types of lighting and appliances. Oakland Shines offers free start-to-finish technical assistance and cash rebates to help defray the cost of installing energy upgrades.

The **Keep Oakland Beautiful** booth will share information about the upcoming **Earth Day Community Cleanup** on April 16, sponsored by the Oakland Public Works Agency. Other community volunteer groups attending will share information about beautification and cleanup opportunities in Oakland's creeks, parks and public spaces.

At the EXPO you can **recycle and safely dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals** and exchange a **mercury thermometer** for a digital thermometer at the **EBMUD** booth.

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