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Sustainable Living Tips and Demos

Oakland EarthEXPO on Wednesday, April 6

Oakland, CA –The 21st annual **Oakland EarthEXPO** will take place on Wednesday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 14th Street at Broadway. This free environmental sustainability fair is an opportunity to gather information and resources on local initiatives, sustainable practices and environmentally-friendly products from more than 100 sustainable businesses, non-profits and environmental and community leaders. About 2,000 people are expected to attend and learn about all things sustainable: water conservation, waste reduction, recycling, energy efficiency, alternative transportation and housing, volunteerism, urban nature and more. Attendees will leave with information and resources for living more sustainably.

“Oakland EarthEXPO offers a convenient way for downtown residents and workers to pick up sustainability tips and environmental know-how,” says Becky Dowdakin, Environmental Services Manager. “The event is festive and fun, and offers useful resources that help people contribute to global environmental improvement through local action. Come enjoy a tasty lunch from one of the food vendors or restaurants in the plaza, sign up for energy and solar assessments, learn about water savings rebates, test drive electric cars and bikes, have your children’s toys and upholstered materials tested for toxic content, discover environmentally-friendly products and more!”

New Activities for 2016

- Oakland Public Works will **showcase the City’s participation in the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP21)** held in Paris in December 2015. The exhibit will also present Oakland’s latest greenhouse gas emissions inventory and **solicit community input on updating the City’s Energy and Climate Action Plan**. While at the exhibit, find out what Oakland is doing to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions 36% by 2020, and learn how you can be part of reaching this goal.
- The **Center for Environmental Health** will bring a machine to **test your consumer products for possible toxins** like lead. Bring small items or samples – such as toys, purses, handbags, wallets, belts, jewelry, foam and upholstery samples – that you wish to have checked.
- Stop by **Repair Revolution to find local businesses that repair or recondition** torn clothing and denim, dull knives, broken jewelry, damaged cell phones and scuffed shoes. Repairing well-used and damaged goods saves money, boosts the local economy and helps the environment by preventing waste.
- Blemished fruits and vegetables, like those you may grow at home, often don’t make it to grocers’ shelves for sale, even though they are just as

healthful and nutritious. This **“ugly” produce is now available for discounted prices from Imperfect Produce**. Visit their booth to learn more about having “ugly” produce delivered to your home.

- **Test drive** various makes and models of **electric cars** at the **Charge Across Town** exhibit.
- Do hills or long distances discourage you from riding your bicycle to work? An electric scooter, electric-assist bicycle or fully electric bike could be the solution. **Test ride GenZe electric bikes and scooters** in the designated area next to City Hall.

Oakland EarthEXPO attendees can learn how they may personally contribute toward making Oakland a cleaner and greener city. Volunteer opportunities will be offered by organizations such as **Keep Oakland Beautiful, East Bay Regional Park District, Sierra Club Tree Team, The Lake Merritt Institute, California Native Plant Society, Golden Gate Audubon Society and Oakland Public Works**.

Admission is free. For more information, call (510) 238-7611 or visit oaklandearthexpo.com. Visit <http://bit.ly/1Y00D8O> for a full list of exhibitors and exhibit descriptions. Like the EarthEXPO Facebook page at <http://bit.ly/1UrA4LI>.

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