



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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MEDIA ADVISORY

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SFWMD Celebrates Earth Day

Healthy Earth, Healthy You event at DuPuis Management Area among festivities



**Healthy Earth
Healthy you**

FREE EVENT

Learn how to care for yourself & the Earth
at DuPuis' Earth Day -Health Fair!
Saturday, April 24, 2010
Vendors 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Live wildlife
Hayride Tour on DuPuis
Free **HOT** lunch
Crafts

Win a bike!
free Health screenings

Public transportation will be provided. Bus will pick up and drop off every 30 minutes from Post Family Park, Indiantown to DuPuis Visitors' Center.
Location: DuPuis Management Area, on Highway 76, 2 miles east of Port Mayaca or 7 miles west of the junction for 710. Entrance at Gate 5, Visitors' Center
23500 SW Kanner Hwy, Canal Point, FL 33438.
Contact Kim Kanter at 800/432-2045, x3339 or kkanter@sfwmd.gov for more information.

Event Coordinators:  **Sponsors:** 

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WHAT: In celebration of Earth Day, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is partnering with local organizations across South Florida to participate in fun-filled events to inspire appreciation for the environment and awareness for water conservation.

For more than a decade, Florida has recognized Water Conservation Month in April. Water conservation is now essential year-round for addressing regional weather extremes and growing demands on a limited water supply that South Florida's 7.5 million residents, economy and unique environment all depend on.

The District's central Earth Day event will be held at the DuPuis Management Area along the border of Martin and Palm Beach counties. The DuPuis Management Area is a 22,000-acre natural area that is part of the historic Everglades and is open to public recreation throughout the year.

Entitled Healthy Earth, Healthy You, the District's free event on April 24 will feature:

- Hayrides
- Wildlife
- Health screenings
- Food and more

WHEN: Saturday, April 24, 2010

TIME: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

WHERE: DuPuis Management Area
23500 SW Kanner Highway
Canal Point, FL 33438

The Visitor Center entrance is located at Gate 5 on State Road 76 in Martin County, two miles east of Port Mayaca or seven miles west of the intersection with State Road 710.

MORE

EVENTS:

Miami-Dade:

- April 22: Earth Day at WLRN

Orlando:

- April 29: Holy Family School Earth Day Event

Okeechobee:

- April 28: Okeechobee Elementary School Earth Day/Water Conservation Coloring Contest

Broward:

- April 16-22: Various Earth Day events at schools and colleges

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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage

and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.