

# Earth Day – April 22, 2021

While we feel set in place,  
let's step outside and take a look –  
spring is making a move!

Has the water started rushing in the streams?  
What is the smell and feel of wet leaves?  
Have you shaken “hands” with a young white spruce?  
Have you dreamed about making some hummingbird juice?  
Do you see green sprouts poking out of the ground?  
Did you hear the bird share its morning song?

How do we capture changes so delicate?  
That is our challenge for you  
and everyone should take part in it!

We invite you to design a nature collage  
and take a photo to submit – the sky is the limit!

## Nature Collage Photo Contest

**Step 1:** Get outside and explore the outdoors or nature objects you might have inside.

**Step 2:** While you're exploring – draw, photograph, paint, trace, or collect items from nature that inspire you.

Alternatively, do an activity of your choice to celebrate Earth Day, like the Harbor Park Clean-Up.  
Join us downtown from 12-2pm on Thursday, April 22 to spruce up the beachfront!

**Step 3:** Create a nature collage of what you found or how you celebrated Earth Day.  
Don't let your imagination hold you back!

**Step 4:** Photograph your collage and submit the photo to Cook SWCD.

### Guidelines:

Collage should in some way reflect nature, the outdoors, or your Earth Day celebrations.

Any media or form is accepted. This may include, but is not limited to, paint, chalk, pencil, ink, photography, natural materials/items found in nature, or written art.

When possible, return any collected items back to nature where you found them. Leave No Trace.

Final collage should be photographed and sent by email to [theresa.oberg@co.cook.mn.us](mailto:theresa.oberg@co.cook.mn.us)  
Limit file size to 1MB and don't forget to include your name and age.

**Submission Deadline: Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Collages will be displayed on our website at [www.cookswcd.org](http://www.cookswcd.org)  
Winners from each age group will be announced and receive a prize.

Age Groups: 0 - 5yrs    6 - 9yrs    10 - 13yrs    14 - 18yrs    19 - 100yrs

