

EARTH DAY CANADA

The world has many different kinds of homes. Caves are home to bats, dens are homes to foxes, and houses or **apartments** are homes for people. Some homes are big and others are small, but they all have one thing in common. They are all on our planet, the Earth. Taking care of the planet is part of taking care of all the homes on it. That is why Earth Day on April 22 is a good chance for people to **appreciate** and **preserve** their homes.

Earth Day started as a response to a book called *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson. The book was published in 1962. It describes how the **pesticides** that kill insects are also killing many other plants and animals. People began to protest against the use of dangerous chemicals and the **destruction** of the environment. Then, in 1969, a large oil spill in Santa Barbara, California, polluted the water and land in the area.



All of these events gave a U.S. **senator** an idea. He thought it would be a good idea to set aside one day every year for people to think about how they treat the Earth. In 1970, people celebrated the first Earth Day on April 22.

Earth Day has now grown to