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## **Pasco County residents invited to celebrate Earth Day** *~~Environmental education event marks Pasco's 21<sup>st</sup> Earth Day Celebration~~*

**SPRING HILL, FL ----** Come celebrate Earth Day with Pasco County, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Crews Lake Wilderness Park from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This will be a fun-filled day of events marking Pasco County's 21<sup>st</sup> Earth Day Celebration. The event promotes environmental education, encourages volunteerism, and builds commitment toward a greener community.

"This year we added a couple of new things to the event," said Lottie Kelley, Event Chair for Earth Day. "We'll have geocaching in the park, along with upcycle vendors selling items such as pallet furniture."

Some other activities families can take part in include:

- children's **Crafts and Education** displays
- interactive **Water Ventures Learning Lab**
- **Florida Native Plant** sale
- **Pet adoptions**
- **Ladybug** release
- meet **Spike** - the 10-foot alligator from Croc Encounters
- household **hazardous waste** collection
- **pill take-back program** to get rid of expired or unwanted medications
- **document shredding** by Shred 360, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Limit 5 boxes/bags per person)
- **mercury disposal** (Bring old thermostats/thermometers and get a \$5 gift card)
- Mary Giella Elementary School **PTA food fundraiser**

UF|IFAS Extension is also offering two workshops: **Rain Water Harvesting Workshop** beginning at 10 a.m. and a **Composting Workshop** at 1 p.m. Pre-registration is required for both workshops. Sign up online at: [http://pasco.ifas.ufl.edu/events\\_calendar.shtml](http://pasco.ifas.ufl.edu/events_calendar.shtml). Just click on April and scroll down to the event.

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This year's Earth Day Celebration is a collaboration of Covanta Pasco Inc., Keep Pasco Beautiful, Pasco County Utilities, Pasco County Recycling and Education, Pasco County Parks and Recreation, Pasco County UF|IFAS Extension and the Pasco County School Board.

[Crews Lake Wilderness Park](#) is located at 16739 Crews Lake Drive in Spring Hill.

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For more information about Earth Day and Keep Pasco Beautiful, click here: <http://keepascobeautiful.org>

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