

## VA EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES FROM PRIOR YEARS

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) employees and facilities have engaged in a wide range of educational, motivational, and fun activities over the past years in support of Earth Day—from tree plantings and environmental awareness campaigns, to training and newsletter articles. These are just some activities that VA facilities have reported. For other ideas, see the “Earth Day Activities” listed below. If you would like to add your facility’s past activities to this list, or to report on your plans for Earth Day 2003, please contact Barbara Matos in the Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management at [Barbara.matos@mail.va.gov](mailto:Barbara.matos@mail.va.gov).

<b>VA FACILITY</b>	<b>EARTH DAY ACTIVITY</b>
Coatesville, PA	Held ceremony; planted shrubbery in front of main building
Lebanon, PA	Held ceremony; planted tree and garden area outside the facility's Wellness Center, in memory of a VA employee
Wilkes-Barre, PA	Held ceremony; planted a tree
Wilmington, DE	Held ceremony in conjunction with VA/VSA, with special guests Maria Fernandez-Grechmeil (Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs) and Bunny Burson (Special Assistant to Assistant Secretary for Public & Intergovernmental Affairs)
VAMC Augusta	Awareness campaign
VAMC Columbia	Awareness campaign and tree planting
VAMC North Chicago	Awareness campaign and planting a small bush
VA North Texas Veterans HCS, Dallas	Participated in city’s Earth Day fair
VAMC San Juan	Training conducted on recycling for Facilities Management Employees through the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Training conducted for Facilities Management employees on recycling programs by the local Division of Solid Waste and Recycling Planted scrubs
VAMC Ft Howard	Planted trees
VA West Los Angeles HCS	Contest and informational booth Tree planting ceremony
VAMC Loma Linda	Earth Day informational broadcast e-mail message Posted employees’ write-ups of Earth Day experiences
VAMC Las Vegas	Provided employees and patients with educational information on environment activities Planted trees

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VAMC San Diego	Maintained a display updating accomplishments in waste minimization, hazardous waste reduction, EPA's Green Light Program, paper recycling, utilities reduction, accomplishment of hazardous waste milestones
VAMC Madison	Recycling promotions
VAMC North Chicago	Awareness campaign; planted a small bush
VAMC Richmond	Duke Solutions ECMs
VAMC Augusta	Awareness campaign
VAMC Charleston	Litter clean-up campaign
VAMC Dublin -- North Florida/ South Georgia Veterans HCS Lake City Division  Gainesville Division	Conducted "Plant a Tree" ceremony with local school children Showed VA recycling video to employees  Showed VA recycling video to employees
VA Hudson Valley HCS	Planted trees
VAMC Northport	Newsletter promotion
VA West Los Angeles HCS	Informational booth
VAMC Bronx	Celebrated award received for greening the Environment through energy savings achieved
VA New York Harbor Veterans HCS VAMC Manhattan-	Earth Day Program and displays; played host to the Adirondack Club
VAMC Brooklyn	Greenhouse facility opened to grow plants and flowers; planting flowers and bushes on grounds
St. Albans OPC	Opened and dedicated new greenhouse on Earth Day
VA Hudson Valley Veterans HCS	Planted trees
VAMC Northport	Promoted Earth Day in newsletter