



SHAVANO CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Dear Teacher,

Your class is invited to participate in the annual Earth Week Coloring Contest co-sponsored by the City of Montrose in partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Shavano Conservation District. The poster contest engages student awareness of conservation practices in our community.

Please find attached a pdf file that includes two contest worksheets, K-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade. Completed worksheets are due by midnight, Monday, April 20, 2020, delivered by email to mendy.stewart@co.nacdnet.net. Winners for each grade level will be selected based on neatness, originality, and universal appeal. Winners will be notified by phone on Earth Day April 22, 2020.

This year our focus is on Bioenergy and Understanding the Different types of Renewable Energy. We need all our communities to know where their energy comes from and to understand and focus more on renewable energy. Understanding the new terminology is crucial to understanding how we will be managing our natural resources in the future. There are numerous sources via the internet and classroom coursework regarding both renewable and nonrenewable energy sources to meet Colorado Standards. We have a lot of potential in our state for this now and in the future.

If you would like to have some more information on soils, rangeland, farmland, wildlife, and other Natural Resource Conservation topics, please contact your local USDA NRCS Service Center and Shavano Conservation District. We strongly encourage Natural Resource Education & Outreach and have materials for your use in your classrooms.

Every spring the City of Montrose promotes Earth Week activities. A different theme is highlighted each year to raise awareness about how each member of the community can help preserve a healthy environment for themselves and future generations. This year's theme is "Nature is Your Neighbor". The coloring worksheets, along with a list of self-guided Earth Week activities, can be found on the City's Earth Week webpage: CityofMontrose.org/EarthWeek.

For more information on the Coloring Contest or if you have questions, contact Mendy Stewart at 964-3582 or Alexis Foran at 240-1402.

Remember, Earth Day is Every day for Everybody!,

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