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ENVIRONMENT WEEK

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Environment Week is an opportunity for all Canadians to become personally involved in protecting our environment. Each one of us — as individuals, consumers, and members of the community — can help to improve the quality of Canada's environment.

From June 1st to 7th, you'll have a chance to show what you can do, in a personal and positive way, to keep the environment clean and healthy. So plan now to take part in Environment Week — start organizing your own environmentally sound projects and activities. Environment Week in Canada. It's up to all of us!

Hon. Tom McMillan, P.C., M.P.,
Minister



Let's Tune it up!

**Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday
June 2 - 3 - 4**

Did you know that motor vehicles are the largest single source of air pollution in Canada? When your car is well-maintained, it burns as much as 15% less gas than a poorly maintained car — and that means more savings to you and less pollution from exhaust emissions.

Why not launch Environment Week with a car tune-up? And when you're filling up, make sure the gas you choose is lead-free. Burning leaded fuel in a car designed for unleaded fuel not only increases the amount of lead emitted into the atmosphere, but also causes serious damage to your car's catalytic converter, reducing its ability to control air-polluting emissions. Lead-free fuel is safe for all cars built since 1971. It helps keep spark plugs clean, and prolongs the life of your car's exhaust system. Don't exhaust the future; tune it up!



Let's Give it up!

**Thursday - Friday
June 5 - 6**

Did you know that if everyone in Canada left their cars at home for just one day, air pollution would be reduced by more than 20% that same day? Cars are an integral part of life in Canada, but they are responsible for polluting the environment with noxious chemicals that cause acid rain and smog, as well as posing a serious risk to human health.

During Environment Week, let's give up our personal cars and walk, cycle, join a car pool or take public transportation when we need to go somewhere. By leaving your car at home for even one day, you'll not only cut down on air pollution, you'll also reduce your expenses and save energy. While some of us may not be able to give up our cars altogether, we can learn to use them more selectively, and rely on alternatives instead.



**Let's
Green it up!**

**Saturday
June 7**

Does the area you live in need some environmental maintenance? Improving the appearance of your yard and the area around your home can be as simple as raking up the leaves and pulling out a few weeds. If there's a park in your neighbourhood that needs care, find out how you can help keep it alive. Consider, too, building a small garden on an unused piece of land — or getting together with your neighbour to plant a tree or a hedge.

Plants and trees are important environmental elements in our neighbourhoods. Besides being visually pleasing, greenery helps to improve air quality by absorbing and filtering pollutants. It provides us with shade and windbreak, and a home for birds and other wildlife. To protect this valuable resource, find out about alternative methods of pest control, and use chemical pesticides only as a last resort. It's up to all of us to make our urban environment a greener, healthier and more attractive place to be. Let's green it up!



**Let's
Clean it up!**

**Sunday to Saturday
June 1 - 7**

Take a good look around your home or office — are you storing any toxic cleaners, paints, solvents or deodorizers? Are there any aerosol cans or spray containers in your cupboard? Do you use chemical pesticides or synthetic fertilizers in your garden?

A growing number of personal and household products we use every day are both harmful to human health and damaging to the environment. Many contain poisonous compounds that release contaminants into our air, soil and water. They also contribute to the problem of hazardous waste. Now's the time to get rid of these dangerous products and replace them with non-hazardous substitutes. But before you throw away any left-over chemicals or containers, find out how they should best be disposed of, in a safe and environmentally-sound manner.

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Every day from June 1st to 7th, millions of Canadians will be doing their part to preserve and protect our environment. By getting personally involved — as an individual or as part of a group — you can play an important role in determining our environmental future. Environment Week in Canada — it's up to all of us!

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