



EcoSchools Canada Annual Calendar



This calendar provides an overview of the EcoSchools program and highlights key dates, events, activities, and school communications throughout the year. With the exception of program deadlines, the calendar is meant to act as a guide and can be adapted to include regional events and priorities.

Month	Events & Important Dates	Activities
September - October	<p>Registration Opens</p> <p><i>Waste Reduction Week</i> <i>Walk to School Month</i></p> <p>School communications: Weeks of September 12 and October 10</p>	<p>Register your school, establish an EcoTeam, create a plan for the year, and let people at your school know how to get involved with the EcoSchools program.</p> <p>Don't forget to update your online application as you complete actions.</p> <p>TIP! Initiate a Waste-Free Lunch program at your school for Waste Reduction Week.</p>
November - December	<p>Winter Break</p> <p>School communications: Weeks of November 7 and December 5</p>	<p>Provide opportunities for all students at your school to learn IN, ABOUT, and FOR the environment.</p> <p>Don't forget to update your online application as you complete actions.</p> <p>TIP! Hosting an event for the holidays? Make it waste-free!</p>
January - February	<p>Platinum Eligibility Questionnaire (Last Friday in January)</p> <p><i>Sweater Day</i> <i>Winter Walk Day</i></p> <p>School communications: Weeks of January 9 and February 6</p>	<p>Start planning for outdoor gardening and planting projects.</p> <p>Don't forget to update your online application as you complete actions.</p> <p>TIP! The winter is a great time to focus on energy. Start exploring energy at your school and run a campaign to reduce your carbon footprint.</p>
March - April	<p>Early Bird Deadline (Last Friday in April)</p> <p>March Break <i>World Water Day</i> <i>National GOOS Paper Day</i> <i>Earth Day</i></p> <p>School communications: Weeks of March 6 and April 10</p>	<p>For Earth Day, engage your school in learning, action, and celebration around environmental issues that are important to your local community.</p> <p>Don't forget to update your online application as you complete actions.</p> <p>TIP! Take a Great Gulp in celebration of World Water Day! Make a GOOS paper bin and start reducing paper use!</p>
May - June	<p>Application Deadline (Second Friday in May)</p> <p><i>Bike to School Week</i> <i>Local Food Week</i></p> <p>School communications: Weeks of May 2, May 8, and June 12</p>	<p>Complete your online application and submit by the second Friday in May.</p> <p>Celebrate your school's achievements!</p> <p>Receive certification results in mid-June.</p> <p>TIP! Help to reduce daily greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality in your community—get walking and rolling to school!</p>
July - August	<p>Summer Break</p>	<p>School Ground Greening summer maintenance begins.</p> <p> Have a wonderful summer!</p>

For more environmental days, occasions, and events, visit the [Eco Calendar](#).