



Earth Hour 2009 – Background information

What is it?

Earth Hour is a global WWF climate change initiative. Individuals, businesses and governments will turn out their lights for one hour to show their support for action on climate change. In 2009 Earth Hour aims to reach 1 billion people in 1,000 cities.

When is it?

Saturday March 28, 2009 from 8.30pm – 9.30pm

Where is it?

Cities & Municipalities taking part in Earth Hour 2009 (as at 4/2/09):

Argentina

1 Buenos Aires

Australia

2 ACT Government

3 Adelaide

4 Adelaide Hills Council

5 Bathurst Regional Council

6 Bayswater City Council

7 Blacktown City Council

8 Blue Mountains City Council

9 Botany Bay City Council

10 Brisbane City Council

11 Burwood Council

12 Cairns Regional Council

13 Cambelltown City Council

14 Camden Council

15 Campbelltown City Council

16 City of Bayside

17 City of Belmont

18 City of Burnside

19 City of Canada Bay Council

20 City of Greater Bendigo

- 21 City of Greater Geelong
- 22 City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
- 23 City of Mandurah
- 24 City of Marion
- 25 City of Melbourne
- 26 City of Mitcham
- 27 City of Monash
- 28 City of Mount Gambier
- 29 City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters
- 30 City of Onkaparinga
- 31 Perth
- 32 City of Playford
- 33 City of Port Phillip
- 34 City of Prospect
- 35 City of Ryde
- 36 City of South Perth
- 37 City of Subiaco
- 38 Sydney
- 39 City of Tea Tree Gully
- 40 City of Unley
- 41 Coffs Harbour City Council
- 42 Colac Otway Shire Council
- 43 Cowra Council
- 44 Darebin Council
- 45 Darwin City Council
- 46 District Council of Grant
- 47 District Council of Mount Barker
- 48 Dubbo City Council
- 49 Glenorchy City Council
- 50 Gloucester Shire Council
- 51 Gold Coast City Council
- 52 Goulbourn Mulwaree Council
- 53 Greater Shepparton City Council
- 54 Greater Taree City Council
- 55 Griffith City Council
- 56 Hobart City Council
- 57 Hornsby Shire Council
- 58 Hunters Hill Council
- 59 Hurstville City Council
- 60 Ipswich City Council
- 61 Kiama Council
- 62 Kingston City Council
- 63 Kogarah Council
- 64 Ku-ring-gai Council

65 Lane Cove Council
66 Launceston City Council
67 Leichhardt Council
68 Lismore City Council
69 Lithgow City Council
70 Logan City Council
71 Maribyrnong City Council
72 Maroondah City Council
73 Marrickville Council
74 Melville City Council
75 Moonee Valley City Council
76 Moreland City Council
77 Mosman Municipal Council
78 Newcastle City Council
79 North Sydney Council
80 Parramatta City Council
81 Penrith City Council
82 Pittwater Council
83 Port Stephens Council
84 Randwick City Council
85 Randwick City Council
86 Redlands City Council
87 Redlands City Council
88 Rockdale City Council
89 Shellharbour City Council
90 Shire of Busselton
91 Shoalhaven City Council
92 Sunshine Coast Regional Council
93 Sunshine Coast Regional Council
94 Swan Hill Rural City Council
95 Tamworth Regional Council
96 Tumut Shire Council
97 Wagga Wagga City Council
98 Warringah Council
99 Warrnambool City Council
100 Willoughby City Council
101 Wollondilly Shire Council
102 Wollongong City Council
103 Woollahra Municipal Council

Belgium

104 Antwerp
105 Brussels
106 Ghent

107 Liège
108 Namur

Bolivia

109 Puerto Quijarro
110 Santa Cruz de la Sierra
111 Trinidad

Brazil

112 Rio de Janeiro

Bulgaria

113 Sofia

Canada

114 Edmonton
115 Fernie
116 Halifax
117 Halton Hills
118 Medicine Hat
119 Mississauga
120 Montreal
121 Oakville
122 Orillia
123 Ottawa
124 Toronto
125 Vancouver

China

126 Baoding
127 Beijing

Colombia

128 Bogota
129 Cali

Costa Rica

130 San Jose

Denmark

131 Copenhagen
132 Aalborg
133 Ærø
134 Allerød

135 Århus
136 Assens
137 Ballerup
138 Fanø
139 Frederiksberg
140 Frederikshavn
141 Gentofte
142 Gladsaxe
143 Herlev
144 Hjørring
145 Høje-Taastrup
146 Ikast-Brande
147 Kalundborg
148 København/Copenhagen
149 Kolding
150 Langeland
151 Lejre
152 Lyngby-Taarbæk
153 Middelfart
154 Næstved
155 Nordfyns
156 Odense
157 Odsherred
158 Randers
159 Ringsted
160 Roskilde
161 Samsø
162 Silkeborg
163 Skanderborg
164 Slagelse
165 Sønderborg
166 Svendborg
167 Syddjurs
168 Vallensbæk
169 Vejen
170 Vesthimmerland
171 Vordingborg

England

172 Birmingham
173 Bristol
174 London
175 Preston

Fiji

176 Lami Town

Finland

177 Äänekoski

178 Espoo

179 Helsinki

180 Imatra

181 Koski tli

182 Lappeenranta

185 Lieksa

186 Oulu

187 Oulunsalo

188 Pirkkala

189 Rautjärvi

190 Riihimäki

191 Ruovesi

192 Seinäjoki

193 Somero

194 Suomussalmi

195 Tampere

196 Vantaa

Greece

197 Athens

198 Heraklion

199 Thessaloniki

Guatemala

200 Guatemala City

Honduras

201 Roatan

Hon Kong SAR

202 Hong Kong

Hungary

203 Budapest

India

204 Delhi

205 Mumbai

Italy

- 206 Benevento
- 207 Bivongi
- 208 Caltanissetta
- 209 Camigliano
- 210 Casale Monferrato
- 211 Caserta
- 212 Conversano
- 213 Crispiano
- 214 Grumo Nevano
- 215 Guardavalle
- 216 Macerata
- 217 Martina Franca
- 218 Mercato San Severino
- 219 Moliterno
- 220 Monasterace
- 221 Montano Lucino
- 222 Palermo
- 223 Policoro
- 224 Prato
- 225 Recanati
- 226 Roccella Jonica
- 227 Rome
- 228 San Giovanni in Persiceto
- 229 San Nicola La Strada
- 230 Taranto
- 231 Trezzo sull'Adda
- 232 Vanzaghello
- 233 Venice
- 234 Verona

Jordan

- 235 Amman

Latvia

- 236 Jelgava
- 237 PreiĢi

Malaysia

- 238 Kuala Lumpur
- 239 Penang
- 240 Sabah
- 241 Selangor

Mexico

242 Mexico City

New Zealand

243 Auckland

244 Canterbury

245 Chatham Islands

246 Christchurch

247 Franklin

248 Gisborne

249 Greater Auckland

250 Greater Wellington

251 Hamilton

252 Hastings

253 Hurunui

254 Manukau

255 Masterton

256 Matamata-Piako

257 Nelson

258 New Plymouth

259 North Shore City

260 Papakura District

261 Rodney District

262 Rotorua

263 Selwyn

264 South Waikato District

265 Stratford

266 Taupo

267 Thames-Coromandal

268 Upper Hutt

269 Waikato

270 Waipa

271 Waitakere City

272 Waitomo

273 Wellington

Norway

274 Bergen

275 Kristiansand

276 Oslo

277 Sandnes

278 Stavanger

279 Tromsø

280 Trondheim

Peru

281 Lima

Philippines

282 Cebu

283 Davao City

284 Makati

285 Manila

286 Paranaque

287 Pasay

288 Quezon City

Poland

289 Białystok

290 Bydgoszcz

291 Częstochowa

292 Gdańsk

293 Kielce

294 Kraków

295 Łódź

296 Lublin

297 Olsztyn

298 Opole

299 Poznań

300 Rzeszów

301 Szczecin

302 Toruń

303 Warszawa

304 Wrocław

305 Zakopane

306 Zielona Góra

Portugal

307 Lisbon

Romania

308 Bucharest

309 Iași

310 Timișoara

311 Tulcea

Russia

312 Arkhangelsk

313 Ekaterinburg

314 Krasnodar
315 Krasnoyarsk
316 Moscow
317 Murmansk
318 Nizhny Novgorod
319 Petropalovsk-Kamchatsky
320 St. Petersburg
321 Vladivostok

Scotland

322 Edinburgh

Serbia

323 Belgrade

Singapore

324 Singapore

South Africa

325 Cape Town

Spain

326 Barcelona
327 Bilbao
328 Granada
329 Madrid

Sweden

330 Åmål
331 Ekerö
332 Eksjö
333 Gagnef
334 Gävle
335 Gothenburg
336 Hedemora
337 Huddinge
338 Jönköping
339 Kalmar
340 Karlstad
341 Kiruna
342 Leksand
343 Lilla Edets
344 Linköping
345 Lund

346 Malmö
347 Malmö
348 Nassjö
349 Norsjö
350 Örebro
351 Östersund
352 Söderhamn
353 Södertälje
354 Strömstad
355 Sunne
356 Ulricehamn
357 Vaxjö
358 Ystad

Thailand

359 Bangkok
360 Chiangmai
361 Khon Khan
362 Krabi
363 Pattaya
364 Phuket

Turkey

365 Istanbul

Ukraine

366 Kyiv
367 Odessa

United Arab Emirates

368 Abu Dhabi
369 Dubai
370 Fujairha
371 Sharjah

USA

372 Chicago
373 Las Vegas
374 Los Angeles
375 Miami
376 Nashville
377 San Francisco

Wales

Earth Hour teams are also working in the following Countries /Regions :

- Albania · Montenegro
- Algeria · Nicaragua
- Belize · Northern Ireland
- Bermuda · Pakistan
- Bosnia · Panama
- Cook Islands · Papua New Guinea
- Croatia · Samoa
- France · Slovenia
- Holland · Solomon Islands
- Indonesia · Switzerland
- Israel · Taiwan
- Kenya · Tonga
- Marshall Islands · Tuvalu
- Moldova · Vietnam

Landmarks & Icons committed to Earth Hour 2009 (as at 4/2/09):

1. Christ the Redeemer (Rio de Janeiro)
2. Sydney Opera House (Sydney)
3. CN Tower (Toronto)
4. Table Mountain (Cape Town)
5. Merlion (Singapore)
6. Adia Building (Abu Dhabi) – *Abu Dhabi's tallest building*
7. Burj Dubai (Dubai) – *World's tallest unconstructed building*
8. Federation Tower (Moscow)
9. The Alhambra (Grenada)
10. Burj al Arab (Dubai) – *iconic 6-star hotel*
11. Tapei 101 – *World's tallest constructed building*
12. Millennium Stadium (Cardiff)
13. Quirinale (Rome) - *Presidential residence*
14. Atomium (Brussels)
15. National University (Singapore)
16. Sky Tower (Auckland)
17. Auckland Harbour Bridge (Auckland)
18. Helsinki Cathedral (Helsinki)

Why do it?

The effects of climate change caused by carbon emissions pose the greatest threat to life on Earth. Only by changing the world's collective attitude towards the use of carbon-emitting energy sources can we alleviate this threat. Participating in Earth Hour is a contribution to a united global message to individuals, businesses, politicians and governments around the world that climate change affects and is the responsibility of the global community.

What will it achieve?

The objective of Earth Hour 2009 is to get as many individuals, households and businesses around the world to turn off their lights and electrical appliances for one hour. Earth Hour aims to educate the global community about the threat of climate change and how easy it is for individuals and businesses to make small changes to the way they live and operate - small changes that will make a big difference. Earth Hour 2009 hopes to deliver a global mandate for environmental reform to world leaders attending the UN Conference for Climate Change in Copenhagen, December 2009, to strike up a new global climate deal to usurp Kyoto.

History of Earth Hour

The inaugural Earth Hour took place in Sydney on 31 March 2007, when over two million people and two thousand businesses across the city turned off their lights and appliances for one hour. From its relative humble beginnings, the Earth Hour message has swept the planet. In 2008, 50 million people across 35 countries turned off their lights in support of Earth Hour, sending a message across the globe that the collective actions of individuals really can change the world. Earth Hour 2009 aims to reach 1 billion people in 1,000 cities globally