

# earth Day

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The first Earth Day was held in the US on 22 April 1970. Nearly forty years on, it is now a global activity involving thousands of people around the world who have joined the battle for a cleaner, greener future.

Here we honour this 24-hour eco-drive by highlighting a few businesses in Singapore that are doing their bit for the environment.



## B-DIFF Totes

[www.bdiff.com.sg](http://www.bdiff.com.sg)  
9188 1753

B-DIFF is an online store selling eco-friendly designer tote bags. These are made from natural material and are a great way to carry your supermarket shopping without using plastic carriers. You can even customise your tote with your own design.



## By the Sea

[www.bythesea-organic.com](http://www.bythesea-organic.com)  
9827 2447

By the Sea offers 100-percent organic wear, accessories and toys for babies and children. Conventional cotton uses large amounts of pesticides and herbicides, but organic cotton is grown without the use of harmful chemicals – all the better for the environment. The company also supports Fair Trade principles, which ensure farmers are given a safe working environment and are paid a fair price for their product.

## St Michael Gifts Shop

[www.stmichaelgifts.com.sg](http://www.stmichaelgifts.com.sg)  
6449 4373

St Michael Gifts Shop sells palm-wax candles that are friendly to the environment. The wax is made from residues from the berries of the palm plant, which give the candles a longer burn-time and brighter flame without soot emission. St Michael's new massage candles, made from natural vegetable wax and plant oils, will soon be available.

## Lenovo Thinkpad X301

[www.lenovo.com.sg](http://www.lenovo.com.sg)

Every time you switch on your computer, it uses energy and emits a small amount of carbon into the environment.

This Thinkpad X301 has been designed specifically to use less energy and produce fewer carbon emissions. \$3,984



## Green Cleaners

14 Robinson Road #13-00,  
Far East Building  
6322 1479

Green Cleaners is an eco-friendly maid service that uses non-toxic and biodegradable products to clean your home without harming the environment. These products can also help reduce the risk of health problems such as asthma and allergies. ☑

Earth Day 2009 will be held on 22 April. Thousands of events will take place around the world, centering on three main themes:

- Creating a carbon-free future based on renewable energy that will end our common dependency on fossil fuels such as oil and coal.
- The individual's commitment to responsible, sustainable consumption.
- The creation of a new green economy that lifts people out of poverty by creating millions of quality green jobs and transforms the global education system into a green one.

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