



## Earth Day At UNH: Reduce Carbon, Clean Up Durham, Hear Solar Music

Gov. John Lynch To Join Celebration April 20

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Befitting its status as one of higher education's sustainability leaders, the University of New Hampshire marks Earth Day 2007 with two days of celebratory events. Governor John Lynch will attend the Earth Day Fair and Forum, April 20, which showcases many UNH and local community groups working toward sustainability and closes with a forum of local experts on reducing carbon. Also on April 20, students from Oyster River middle and high schools invite the community to join them as they clean up Durham, and the Environmental Protection Agency will present UNH with ENERGY STAR energy efficiency ratings for several buildings. The popular UNH Solar Fest, April 22, features a day of solar-powered music as well as food, service and activism. All events are free and open to the public.

### Earth Day Fair

- Friday, April 20, 1 -4:30 p.m.
- Thompson Hall Lawn, UNH
- Information and ideas from many UNH and community groups and offices, including the Office of Sustainability, Organic Gardening Club, NH Farm to School, Organic Dairy Research Farm, Student Energy Waste Watch Challenge, New Hampshire Carbon Challenge, Student Environmental Action Coalition, the UNH Energy Office, and many more.
- In case of rain, the fair will be cancelled.
- For more information, go to <http://www.sustainableunh.unh.edu/newsletter/aprilmay2007newsletter.html>

### Durham Clean Up

- Friday, April 20, all afternoon
- All roads leading to UNH
- Join hundreds of students from Oyster River middle and high schools as they clean up their community en route to the UNH Earth Day festivities.
- For a map of targeted clean-up areas, go to [www.diwul.org](http://www.diwul.org).

### Take the Challenge: A Forum on Carbon Reduction

- Friday, April 20, 3 p.m.

- 510 Courtyard Reading Room, Dimond Library
- A panel of UNH experts shares practical tips on reducing carbon emissions, the leading cause of global warming. Tom Kelly, director of UNH's Office of Sustainability, will moderate.

Denise Blaha, New Hampshire Carbon Challenge and UNH Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans and Space

Liz Burakowski, UNH graduate student studying climate change

Julia Dundorf, New Hampshire Carbon Challenge

Matt O'Keefe, UNH Energy Office

Steve Pesci, UNH Campus Planning

Chris Skoglund, UNH graduate student and coordinator of the UNH Student Energy Waste Watch Challenge

Solar Fest

- Sunday, April 22, 11:30 a.m. to sunset
- Thompson Hall Lawn, UNH
- Solar energy-powered music by UNH's own piano rock group AmPm, jazz/funk band Lespecial, The Wood Brothers, Apollo Sunshine, Hot Buttered Rum String Band and high performance rockers RAQ.
- UNH student organizations including the Organic Gardening Club, Peace and Justice League, Students Without Borders, UNH Compost Program and New Hampshire PIRG will share their sustainable practices, and a car running on vegetable oil will be on display. Power courtesy of Sunweaver Solar Company.
- Fun for all ages!
- For more information, go to [www.myspace.com/unhsolarfest](http://www.myspace.com/unhsolarfest).

Earth Day events on April 20 are sponsored by the UNH Office of Sustainability, Power to the People: A University Dialogue on Energy, and Durham: It's Where U Live. Solar Fest is sponsored by the UNH Student Environmental Action Coalition.