

ENVIR ACTION



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CUPE's Environmental
Newsletter

EARTH DAY 2017

Nominate your local as one of CUPE's greenest!

The CUPE National Environment Committee wants to profile some of the positive environmental steps CUPE locals are taking in our workplaces. This is a chance to promote all the workplace initiatives that help clean up our communities, cut greenhouse gases, save energy, conserve water, reduce waste, and other actions.

Here are some steps that qualify as good green actions taken by your local:

- Promoting and using **public transit, carpooling, biking and/or walking** to work.
- **Recycling and/or composting** at your workplace.
- Having an active **workplace environment committee** or green champion.
- Initiating **energy or water conservation** programs.
- Taking action to **keep toxins out of the environment**.
- Bargaining **green language**.
- Working with community partners on **Earth Day events** or other environmental projects.

CUPE wants to hear from locals on all the environmental steps you are taking – big and small.

Simply fill out the form on the other side of this page or submit your story to enviro@cupe.ca for your chance to win. Green winners will be awarded prizes and profiled on the CUPE National website and in environmental publications.

For more green actions and ideas, check out:
cupe.ca/environment

The three winning CUPE locals will be highlighted on CUPE's national website.

**Earth Day is April 22, 2017.
The contest deadline is May 19, 2017.**

CUPE Earth Day 2017 contest

Name and contact information of person submitting to this contest:

Name: _____

CUPE local: _____

Province: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

In an email or by mail, please describe your workplace environmental initiative.

Please send us photographs of your initiative. **Photos increase considerably your chances of winning.** Please send high-resolution photos, if possible.

Send to: enviro@cupe.ca

Or mail to: Matthew Firth
Canadian Union of Public Employees
1375 St. Laurent Blvd.
Ottawa, Ontario K1G 0Z7

Green bargaining in the spotlight

This year, as part of the Earth Day contest, CUPE wants to hear about the steps workplaces are taking to establish green bargaining language. Send us your success stories:

- Tell us about how you identified environmental issues to bargain
- Tell us what environmental issues your local takes on
- Tell us your green bargaining victories
- Tell us how your green bargaining language is improving workplace conditions

You don't have green language at your CUPE local? No problem. Ideas and suggested language are available at cupe.ca/environment

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE! cupe.ca/environment

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For more information: enviro@cupe.ca