

ENVIR ACTION

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CUPE's Environmental
Newsletter

EARTH DAY 2016

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 initiatives 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.
- Initiating actions/programs 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 ideas,
check out:
cupe.ca/environment**

**Three CUPE locals will
win prizes and will be
highlighted on CUPE's
national website.**

**Earth Day is April 22, 2016.
The contest deadline is May 6, 2016.**

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CUPE Earth Day 2016 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

Workplace Environment Committees in spotlight

This year, as part of the Earth Day contest, CUPE wants to hear about the steps workplace environment committees are taking. Send us your success stories:

- Tell us about how your committee was formed
- Tell us what issues your committee takes on
- Tell us what victories your committee has won
- Tell us how your committee works with community allies

You don't have a workplace environment committee? No problem – check out CUPE's fact sheet for ideas on how to start one in your workplace: cupe.ca/environment or email enviro@cupe.ca to ask for a copy.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE! cupe.ca/environment

EnviroAction is CUPE's national environmental newsletter.

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