Stanford University Earth Day
Celebrating Sustainability on April 22, 2015
Recap & Announcement Winners
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Stanford's Celebrate Sustainability event, marking the 45th anniversary of Earth Day, was hosted at the brand new Central Energy Facility. With 750 attendees, 33 tables, and 65 volunteers, the event was a huge success!

The Water Planning & Stewardship (WP&S) team used the opportunity to inform students, faculty, staff, & community members about the drought and the importance of saving water. We would like to thank everybody who visited our booth, played our games, signed the pledge, and shared their best water conservation ideas!

At the WP&S booth, visitors were eager to participate in a series of four interactive stations, which included: signing a pledge to save water, sharing innovative water conservation ideas, playing a water leak game, and spinning the winner's wheel to win water conservation prizes!

There were over 160 people who pledged to “Save Water in Every Way Possible.” Every drop matters! As the drought persists, it is important to conserve water in every way. Your actions make a big difference.

Participants also had the opportunity to use their creativity by sharing innovative conservation ideas and examples of ways they are saving water. There were a total of 98 people who shared their ideas for a chance to win a $100 gift card. We would like to thank the Stanford Federal Credit Union for their generous donation of 3 $100 gift cards! Our winners and their ideas are shown at the right.

The WP&S team wanted to highlight the importance of finding and fixing leaks because that is something that anyone can do. Even small leaks use more water than people expect because they use water continuously until fixed. Participants were asked to match the common household leak with the average general volume of water lost per year. If all the leaks were successfully matched, then they had a chance to spin the winner's wheel! Some of the prizes included: T-shirts, shower timers, and water conservation pins.

Play our Leak Game! Match the leak to the volume of water lost.

1) Shower Head at 10 drips/min. 3) Toilet (flapper) Leak
2) Faucet at 1 drip/sec. 4) Pipe with Leak 1/32" (size of a dime)
A) 13,000 gallons/year    C) 500 gallons/year
B) 75,600 gallons/year    D) 3,000 gallons/year

To get helpful conservation tips, find updated information about the drought, and find how Stanford is cutting back their water use, visit the WP&S website at suwater.stanford.edu.

If you observe a leak on Stanford’s campus please report it to the Stanford 24-Hour Maintenance Customer Service Hotline at 723-2281.