

# World Environment Day



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## Kicking the Carbon Habit

Auckland Regional Council staff handed out free energy efficient light bulbs, re-usable cotton bags and draft snakes at major transport hubs on June 5 as part of a joint initiative with Auckland and Waitakere city councils and Auckland Regional Transport Authority (ARTA).

ARC staff on World Environment Day also distributed 10 tips to save money and the environment pamphlets to 22 Citizen Advice Bureaus and NZ Federation of Family Budgeting Services offices in the Auckland region.

Auckland Regional Council Environmental Management chair Dianne Glenn says: "These initiatives are a very practical way to celebrate World Environment Day and raise awareness about how everyday actions can help to save our environment".

World Environment Day is observed annually in more than 100 countries, and is one of the most popular days on the United Nations calendar. World Environment Day is an opportunity to raise awareness and promote action on national environment issues.

The theme for World Environment Day 2008 was climate change with a focus on moving towards a low carbon economy and lifestyle. "Kick the Habit" (the 'carbon' habit) was the international slogan for the event.

The theme also included the role of forest conservation and sustainable forestry in achieving domestic and global climate change goals.