

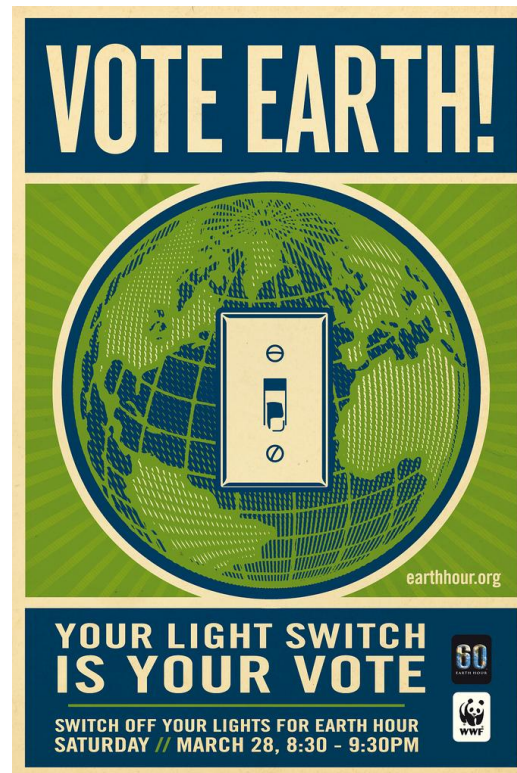
## Earth Hour - March 28, 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Sustainable Sandhills encourages people to take action locally – and impact their local community and our global community. On March 28, 2009 at 8:30 p.m., people around the world will demonstrate their concern about the future of the planet by doing something simple yet remarkable - they will turn off their lights for one hour. This act of solidarity is being referred to as Earth Hour and is designed to remind us that by working together, we can all play a role in solving one of the most critical issues of our time.

The people at the World Wildlife Fund are urging the world to VOTE EARTH. You can VOTE EARTH by turning off all non-essential lighting within your control during the event and encouraging the participation of others within your scope of influence. The target is 1 billion votes, which will be presented to world leaders at the Global Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen 2009.

During Earth Hour 2008, lights dimmed at Sydney's Opera House, Rome's Coliseum, New York's Empire State Building, and San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge. Even Google's homepage went black. In total, more than 50 million people participated in Earth Hour last year.

Earth Hour 2009 will be even bigger, with some of the world's largest cities, including Bangkok, Chicago, Hong Kong, Istanbul, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, London, Manila, Mexico City, New York City, Paris, Singapore, Sydney and Toronto joining WWF in turning off lights. The City of Fayetteville, NC also signed up recently to cast their vote!





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We hope you will join the hundreds of millions of people around the world by simply turning off a few lights. There is no cost to participate. Just visit the Earth Hour website at [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org) and it provides all the tools needed to make the event a success in your community.

Would you like to find out other ways to take action in your community? Please join us at a Sustainable Sandhills Community Action Team (CAT) meeting in your county. CAT meetings are a forum for people with ideas related to sustainability to form networks, identify projects and act on their concerns. For more information, please contact our CAT Coordinator, Amanda Blue at [amandab@sustainablesandhills.org](mailto:amandab@sustainablesandhills.org) or 910-673-0826.