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April 11, 2011

Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art presents:

**What: Earth Day Expo**

**When: April 23 • 10 am – 2 pm**

**Where: Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland, MI 48640**

**Cost: FREE!**

**Information:** Call Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649 or [www.mcfta.org](http://www.mcfta.org)

**Find this on our website:** <http://www.mcfta.org/Learn.html#earth>

MIDLAND - Join the fun at Midland Center for the Arts on Saturday, April 23, 10 am to 2 pm, as Earth Day celebrates its 41st anniversary. This year's theme is "**Energy: It's Everywhere!**" The event is FREE and open to the public.

Lots of Earth Day activities for all ages will be available in the brick lobby at the Center including informational booths and hands-on activities like the Alden B. Dow Museum's "The Magic of Electricity," car seat safety checks by the Midland Police Department, wind, solar and geothermal power demonstrations and more. Goodwill Industries will be collecting old TV and computer equipment. The Midland Recyclers will be accepting used household batteries of all types. The Partnership for a Drug-Free Youth will hold "**Dump Your Drugs**": Bring all unused and expired medications for disposal – no questions asked. No needles or other medical waste.

**ENERGY FROM ATOMS: EXPLORING THE NUCLEAR OPTION**

Given the news coverage of the recent nuclear event in Japan, we all have questions about the impacts and benefits of nuclear power. Dave Asselin of The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Radiological Protection Section will present **Energy from Atoms: Exploring the Nuclear Option, at 1 pm in the Garden Room**. Bring your questions to this **FREE** presentation.

Earth Day Expo is a part of Family Discovery Days, sponsored by Arbury Insurance, Inc. Other sponsors are Midland Center for the Arts, Midland Recyclers and American Chemical Society.

**GROUPS PARTICIPATING:**

American Chemical Society  
Midland Recyclers – Crafts & recyclables pickup  
Goodwill Industries – TV and computer equipment collection  
Midland Police – Child car seat safety check  
Delta College – Fuel cell cars  
Partnership for a Drug Free Youth – Dump Your Drugs  
Mid-Michigan Monarch Field Study – Butterflies  
Woodland Wind LLC – Wind Energy  
Field Neurosciences Institute (St Mary's of Michigan) – Bike Safety

Solar Now LLC – Cost & payback  
City of Midland Landfill – Compost kits  
Dow Corning Solar Solutions  
Answer Heating and Cooling – Geothermal energy  
Little Forks Conservancy  
MidMichigan Medical Center

The Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art (ABDM) provides a forum to engage the people of mid-Michigan in the constructive and creative expressions found in science and in art. Exhibitions in the Museum, classes at the Museum School, multiple outreach programs, a permanent collection and various special events are all components in the ABDM programming.

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