

Turn off your lights for Earth Hour

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The City of Ottawa is proud to participate in Earth Hour 2010 and once again is encouraging every individual and business to take part on Saturday, March 27 from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

What better way to demonstrate support for action on climate change than by joining forces with nearly one billion people in more than 4,000 cities around the world in turning off your lights for one hour. This simple flick of a switch can have a profound result in affecting change.

Visit ottawa.ca and click on the Earth Hour link to sign up online, and register your support to the fight against climate change. Encourage your friends and family to participate. Get your business or workplace involved. The Earth Hour site also has a toolkit (<http://wwf.ca/earthhour/participate/toolkits/>) that you can download to help in your efforts.

Initiated by the World Wildlife Fund in Sydney, Australia in 2007, Earth Hour encourages individuals and businesses to join together and turn off their lights in order to demonstrate the need for action on climate change initiatives. Earth Hour is a symbol of hope and action. Everyone can make a difference and help us achieve a more sustainable community.

Earth Hour only last 60 minutes, but the City of Ottawa has programs in place to reduce the usage of energy in all its buildings and facilities 365 days a year. The energy consumption per facility has fallen consistently over the past several years.

For additional ways to reduce your power consumption year round, you can find energy conservation tips from Hydro Ottawa at hydroottawa.com.

Join us for Earth Hour 2010. Turn off your lights at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 27 and sign up to be counted.