

## **Coalition of the greening**

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With Earth Day—Tuesday, April 22—quickly approaching, many of us are trying to make up for years of ecological neglect by turning off the tap while brushing our teeth, not flushing the toilet after number one and other environmentally conscious gestures. Sadly, once Earth Day mania winds down, so does the guilt concerning our mistreatment of the planet and most of us go back to our old ways. Fortunately, organizations like Montreal's Green Coalition feel guilty year-round.

If you're interested in learning what can be done to reverse some of the damage, the Green Coalition's annual general meeting takes place Thursday, April 17 (7–10 p.m.) at Sarto Desnoyers Community Centre (Salon A, 1335 Lakeshore, Dorval), featuring keynote speaker Christian Simard, the director general of Nature Québec, and a sing-along with Lewis "Mr. Ozone" Poulin (think Weird Al singing about environmental issues).

"There are many groups in southwest Quebec working to preserve what is left of our natural space," explains Green Coalition president Albert Hayek. "Species of plants, fish, birds, frogs, snakes and even the red fox are becoming endangered. We need to preserve our natural inheritance."

For info: [greencoalitionverte.ca](http://greencoalitionverte.ca).