

**End Mountaintop Removal Day of Action, October 30, 2009**  
**Tips for Planning Your Action**

Organizing a demonstration may sound like hard work, but it doesn't have to be. Gather together two or two dozen friends, make some signs, come up with some chants and you're ready for action.

For the basics on planning a demonstration, go to: <http://ran.org/endmtrdoa>

**Choose your target**

The EPA has the power to veto the permits that allow mountaintop removal to exist. Is there an EPA regional office in your area? If not, there are other government agencies involved in the regulatory process. Office of Surface Mining, Army Corps of Engineers and Department of Energy offices could all be great locations for your demonstration.

JP Morgan Chase is the largest financier of mountaintop removal. Chase's financing keeps these mining companies in business and needs to stop. Is there a Chase bank branch or office near you?

If there's a coal company, refinery, or coalfield near you, that could also be an effective spot for a protest.

**Choose your action and your theme**

You can let your creativity run wild or just stick with the basics. Either way, the most important thing is to do something! Here are some ideas, starting simple and getting more fanciful. Feel free to mix and match or create your own!

Pass out flyers to employees and customers/constituents entering the building.

Have a protest rally or vigil.

Honor Appalachian culture and attract attention for passersby with a bluegrass musical protest.

Symbolically shut down your local bank branch or ATMs with "out of order" (found at <http://ran.org/endmtrdoa>) signs or with your bodies.

The day before Halloween is great time for a die-in! Make sure you've got some signs to let folks know why you're all lying there with fake blood coming out of your mouths!

Don't those Halloween candy corns look like little mountains? There's got to be an action in there somewhere!

What's spookier than the ghosts of exploded mountains? Maybe having those mountain ghosts come back to haunt the people responsible?

Two words: Zombie Attack. We want these decision-makers to have some *brains*!

***Have fun! And be sure to send us pictures or video!***