

31st Annual Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District Earth Day Poster, Trash and Graphic Art Contest



Eligible Participants

Students and homeschool students in grades K to 12th, residing in one of the following counties: Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski or Washington are encouraged to participate. The Graphic Art section is also open to **post-secondary students** enrolled in the seven-county region.

Rewards

First place winners receive: Earth-friendly gifts (\$30 value). Second place winners receive: Earth-friendly gifts (\$15 value). Honorable mentions receive: Earth-friendly gifts (\$5 value). Prizes are made of recyclable material. All contest participants will receive a small token from the district.

Contest March 1-18, 2022

Entries may be completed any time during the year. Submissions only accepted between March 1 and March 18. Entries may be taken to the county clerk's office at your local courthouse for collection or delivered directly to MRPC, 4 Industrial Drive, St. James. If submitting five or more trash art projects, contact the district to arrange transport. No projects will be accepted after March 18.

Theme: Put Waste In Its Place!

Own Your Impact at Home and at Your School.

All poster and electronic art entries should promote the themes of protecting the planet through rethinking, reducing, reusing, recycling, repurposing, and rotting (composting). Trash art projects need not adhere to the theme, but should be constructed of recyclable and/or repurposed material. Projects may be completed at home or in the classroom.

Submissions

- Posters and graphic art should be no larger than 18" x 13". Copyrighted clip art and other characters (like Superman) will be accepted, but cannot be used in future promotions.
- Trash art projects should be no larger than 1' x 1' x 1'. Projects must be made from recycled or re-purposed materials.
- All submissions must have: student name and grade; school district and school name; teacher/sponsor's name or homeschool contact information. Entries without proper identification may be disqualified.

Judging & Winners

- Contest categories will be judged separately, based on age and grade (unless grades are combined due to low numbers).
- Students may submit entries in each category. Team projects—one project by multiple students—will not be awarded.
- Winners and honorable mentions will receive a certificate from the district in recognition of their achievement. Honorable mentions are at the judge's discretion, and all decisions are final.
- Notification of winning entries will be sent to schools by mid-April; awards may be picked up in late April or distributed in early May.
- All submissions become the property of the district and may be used for public awareness, information campaigns, t-shirt designs, etc.
- If students, parents or teachers wish to have projects returned, they may be picked up at the district office between May 1 and June 1.

No matter how you live, work, and play, everyone produces waste. To learn more about how you can

Make a Positive Change

please visit our website at ozarkrivers.org or follow us at facebook.com/ORSWMD.

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