

OZARK RIVERS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PRESENTS THE

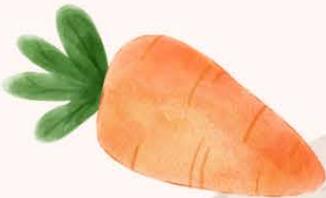
35TH ANNUAL EARTH DAY POSTER, TRASH AND GRAPHIC ART CONTEST



2026 THEME: BE A FOOD WASTE WARRIOR

Organic material, including food waste, makes up one quarter of waste sent to landfills.

Become a Food Waste Warrior by not taking too much food, sharing your leftovers, feeding food waste to farm animals and composting what goes bad.



Food is too good to waste!



The art contest is open to all students and homeschool students in K-12th grade in Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Washington counties.

Artwork may be made anytime during the year. Submissions are accepted March 1st through March 19th, 2026.



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CONTEST DETAILS



Contest entries will be judged by category and age group. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place and honorable mentions. Winners will receive prizes made from recycled materials. All participants will receive a small token from the district.



POSTERS & GRAPHIC ART

- Promote the theme, Food Waste Warrior
- Size cannot exceed 18" x 13"
- Copyright clipart and characters ARE allowed, but will not be used in future promotions
- Post-secondary students are eligible for the Graphic Art category

TRASH ART

- No larger than 1' x 1' x 1'
- Does NOT need to follow the theme
- Must be made from recycled or repurposed materials



All submissions must include:

Student's Name, Grade Level, School District & School,
Teacher/Parent Name & Contact Info

Artwork can be dropped off or mailed to:
4 Industrial Drive, St. James, MO 65559

Art must be received between March 1 - 19, 2026.

If you need assistance with submission delivery or pick up, please contact Kathryn Hawes at 573-265-2993 ext. 110 or khawes@meramecregion.org.

