



2017 Poster Contest

Theme: "Water Is Awesome!"

This is an exciting opportunity for students to show their artistic talents, win prizes and make their school and family proud!

WHO: Students in grades 1-5 residing within the Dallas city limits.

WHAT: 2017 Poster Contest Theme: **"Water Is Awesome!"**

PRIZES: There will be one grand prize winner, and honorable mention winners selected for grades 1 through 5. All winners will be recognized at Dallas City Hall in May 2017.

Student Prizes:

- The Grand Prize winner for the contest will receive a Galaxy Tablet, a plaque and a participation certificate. Their winning artwork will also be reproduced on the official 2017 Drinking Water Week Poster.

- Honorable mention grades 1-5 will receive an iPod Shuffle, a plaque and a participation certificate.

Teacher/Team Leader Prizes:

- The teacher/team leader of the grand prize winner will receive a \$250 voucher for school/art supplies.
- The teacher/team leader or adult program leaders of the honorable mention grade winners 1-5 will each receive a \$50 voucher for school/art supplies.

WHEN: Artwork and entry form are **due by 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2017**. Winners will be announced by **April 17, 2017** and a complete list of the finalists will be available on SaveDallasWater.com by **May 5, 2017**. A reception for winners, their teachers and families will be held on **May 12, 2017** in recognition of Drinking Water Week **May 7-13, 2017** at Dallas City Hall.

WHERE: Artwork and entry form can be hand delivered or mailed to:

**2017 Poster Contest
City of Dallas Water Utilities Conservation Division
1500 Marilla Street, Room 2AN
Dallas, TX 75201
Attn: Education Coordinator**

HOW: See Entry Rules on page 2 for additional information.



2017 Poster Contest Entry Rules

Theme: "Water Is Awesome!"

THE ENTRY FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH EACH ENTRY!

Competition is open to any student enrolled in grades 1 through 5 living in the City of Dallas.

Entries must be postmarked or received no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2017**. Entries must be separated and labeled by grade and teacher. Artwork must be flat-do not roll or fold. Entries may be mailed or delivered to:

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Artwork must recognize the importance of saving water. (Examples on page 3)
Artwork will be judged on creativity, relevance, legibility and adherence to guidelines.

- Creativity: Artwork should reflect the child's appreciation of the importance of water and illustrate a water conservation method or concept.
- Relevance: The idea for the artwork relates to the **2017 theme** and must include the statement, ***"Water Is Awesome!"***
- Legibility: The artwork is readable and easily understood.
- Adherence to Guidelines: The entry must be submitted on white or off-white background paper and be at least 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches but not larger than 18 inches by 24 inches. (Notebook paper or graph paper may not be used.) The student may use water or tempera paint, crayon, ink, charcoal, pastel, etc. to create the artwork. Reflective materials such as glitter or gold stars or items such as cotton balls, straw, magazine pictures or fabric glued to the art are prohibited and will result in disqualification.

Each entry must be the work of one student. The concept, design and artwork must be the original work of the student entering. If the judges determine that someone other than the student has assisted in the creation of the poster, the entry will be disqualified.



Kids Tips

Theme: Water Is Awesome!

Water is our most precious resource. We need it to grow food, maintain our environment and produce everything from hamburgers to computers.

- 1) Take shorter showers – five minutes or less. Try to save even more by turning the water on to get wet then turn it off to lather up and finally turning it back on to rinse off.
- 2) Think about other ways to use water before letting it go down the drain. Perhaps watering a plant or rinsing something that needs cleaning.
- 3) Avoid water toys that need a constant stream of water.
- 4) Only run the dishwasher or washing machine when they are full.
- 5) Watch for leaky faucets and learn how to help your mom or dad fix them. Did you know that it can waste 20 gallons of water a day?
- 6) Ask your parents to install a water-saving shower head. In addition to the water it saves, it also saves the fuel that would have been used to heat up the extra hot water. That saves your family money and helps reduce pollution.
- 7) Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissue, insects and other waste in the trash rather than the toilet. (Each flush can use 3 to 6 gallons of water!)
- 8) Don't let the water run when you wash dishes.
- 9) Remind your parents that grass only needs one inch of water every five to seven days to stay healthy and green. Most people use much more water than is needed and cause their grass to have shallow roots which makes the grass unhealthy.
- 10) Try to do one thing each day that will save water. Even if savings are small, every drop counts.



Kid's Contest Entry Form

***A completed entry form must be included with each entry or it will be disqualified.
(Form must be taped or glued to the back of artwork)***

All entries become City of Dallas property and may be reproduced in future water education literature.

Please type or print legibly.

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Student E-mail Address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Teacher E-mail: _____

Teacher Phone: _____

Principal Name: _____

Principal E-mail: _____

Submit artwork and completed entry form FOR EACH ENTRY by 03/10/2017 to:

**Kids' Contests
City of Dallas Water Conservation Division
1500 Marilla Street, Room 2AN
Dallas, TX 75201
ATTN: Children's Education Coordinator**

**For questions, please call (214) 670-3155 or
E-mail us at contests@savedallaswater.com**